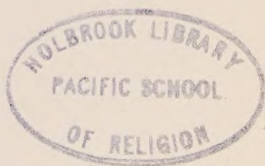


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## WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY

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METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH,

FOR THE YEAR 1883.



*And many nations shall come and say: Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, and to the house of the God of Jacob, and He will teach us of His ways, and we will walk in His paths. MICHAEL 2.*

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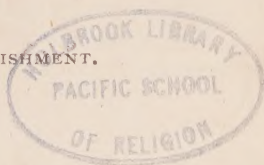
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## MEETING OF GENERAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

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The Fourteenth Annual Meeting of the General Executive Committee convened in First Methodist Church, Des Moines, Iowa, Dec. 2, 1883. In many particulars the meeting was a noteworthy one. Matters of grave interest pressed heavily, new lines of work were presented, complications seemed imminent, and human foresight inadequate to meet emergencies. Weary toilers from whitening fields called earnestly for help, and to turn away from open doors seemed faithless. But the promise, "As thy day, so shall thy strength be," was made good, and the conscious presence of the Master made all hearts burn while talking of His work, and questioning Him as to the way. So the crooked places became straight and the burdens light, and it was counted all joy to do this work, as unto the Lord. The presence of so many missionaries, and the graphic scenes described by them brought our foreign fields vividly before the mind. Joyful thanksgiving went up to the Lord of the harvest for the sheaves garnered during the year, and with renewed faith and courage advanced ground was taken. In another place the record of these days of sweet communion is most fitly given; it need not be retold. The hours are numbered with the past, but the inspiration gained will linger long, and make the future toil seem a blessed heritage.



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Laura Bridgman, the blind pupil, was being instructed one day, when she spelled out on the fingers of her instructor this sentence, "What is the soul?" In the same mute language he replied, "The soul is that that thinks, and hopes, and fears," when she immediately replied, "Yes, and aches so!"

A Chinese woman was recently visited by a missionary. She sings of Jesus' love. The Chinese woman draws near and says: "Teach me to read, for if I could learn such good words my heart wouldn't *ache so!*" These aching hearts over the world need Christ. The work of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society this past year, as in every year of its history, has been looking after these aching hearts, and its mission has been to carry Christ to the homes of heathen women.

#### HOME WORK.

Every department of the home work has advanced the past year. The constituency of the Society enlarges, its income advances, its sphere widens in ever-increasing circles, and its responsibilities broaden. The number of auxiliary societies is 3,379, an increase of 332 over the previous year; the number of members, 86,632, an increase of 7,661; and 4,065 life members, 248 honorary managers and 47 life patrons. This increase shows a steady advance.

Possibly the most encouraging feature of the year is the marked development of interest among the young ladies and children. In our schools and colleges auxiliary societies have been formed, and mission bands and circles have sprung into life all over the Church. A conviction has come to the members of the society that in the future we must look more largely to the cultivation of

missionary interest in the minds and hearts of our daughters. In one of the branches the young women have assumed the support of four missionaries, and are thus in a special manner represented in the foreign field.

A society has been formed in Los Angeles, California, with 54 members, and 41 subscribers to the *Heathen Woman's Friend*, and has forwarded \$50 to the Treasury. The Western Branch adopts this child of the setting sun.

The receipts for the fiscal year (from October 1, 1882, to October 1, 1883) are as follows :

New England Branch .....	\$18,642 06
New York           " .....	24,568 73
Philadelphia       " .....	13,310 21
Northwestern      " .....	25,391 40
Cincinnati        " .....	20,061 45
Western            " .....	16,688 70
Baltimore          " .....	6,160 78
Total.....	<hr/> \$124,823 33

All appropriations for the year have been met.

Eleven thousand and forty-eight mite boxes have been distributed, and have quietly done their work in the family circle, adding several thousand dollars to the treasury. One or two items of the year's record deserve special mention. Some of the offerings represent a consecration of self-denial, tears and prayers. A blind woman's pennies are multiplied into dollars, a cripple's knitting realized a neat sum, and a quilt brings in over a hundred dollars. In one of the branches a minister's widow calls upon the secretary, and leaves with her \$400, her own earnings and savings. In order that she may contribute thus, the summer trip and the winter wraps are dispensed with. Surely she shall be arrayed in fine linen, pure and white, for "this is the righteousness of the saints."

And from the "Dark Continent" comes a light, the gift of Miss Michener, who not only laid down her life for Africa, but left her entire effects to the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, to the amount of \$431.06.

The Philadelphia Branch received this bequest, and its auxiliary societies contributed \$205 for a memorial stone to mark the resting place of this devoted woman in the desolate Monrovia Cemetery. The stone, of pure Italian marble, bears underneath the name and dates these most fitting words : "Greater love hath no man than this, that he lay down his life for his friends."

### FOREIGN WORK.

From the foreign fields come accounts of overtaxed workers, and pleadings for reinforcements. The following is the foreign force of the society, as near as can be tabulated : American missionaries in the field, 48, with 40 assistant missionaries, and others on their way to the field. The society has under its care about 225 Bible women and teachers, six hospitals and dispensaries, 17



boarding schools (for Christian girls), with about 1,000 pupils ; 150 day schools, with more than 3,000 girls and women ; 3 orphanages, with over 400 orphans ; 2 "Homes for the Friendless," with 28 inmates ; and systematically visits 1,600 zenanas.

### JAPAN.

In Yokohama the society has two schools and one Bible woman. One school has 47 pupils and the other 67. Here a Memorial home has been purchased and paid for.

In Hakodati the school has 21 boarders, and many more could be accommodated if larger buildings were provided.

In Tokio the school has 66 pupils, and takes its place as a school of the first rank in Japan.

In Nagasaki the school number 79, and its influence is felt all over the island.

The spiritual awakening in these schools has been one of the most marvelous of modern times. In Tokio twenty-seven girls in one evening were made conscious of redeeming love, and the work spread with so much power that in this school and the one in Nagasaki the ordinary school routine was abandoned for the prayer meeting. These girls have gone everywhere telling the story, and many, through their influence, both in the schools and in their homes, have been brought to Christ.

### INDIA.

Here the work of the society is spreading and developing, and the whole territory occupied by the Methodist Church is feeling the effects of the Christian training of the women. Of the American missionaries in the foreign field, 15 are working in India, and two of them are medical women. Every agency of the society is being utilized here. Orphanages, village and city schools, training schools for Christian girls, high schools, Sunday schools, boarding schools and zenana visiting occupy the time and attention of missionaries and their assistants. More than 60 stations are reached by these workers. In one of the stations an Eurasian has charge of the schools and the entire work for nearly a million of people.

In Calcutta the school in charge of Miss Layton has just closed its fifth year in a most prosperous condition.

In Rangoon Miss Warner closes the second year of the school with 90 pupils.

### CHINA.

In China there are 12 American missionaries, 4 of whom are medical women.

In Foo-Chow the boarding school and all the day schools have been well attended. The medical work here, under the superintendence of Drs. Trask

and Sparr has been wonderfully successful. Over 3,000 patients have been treated, and nearly 300 surgical operations performed. Four new medical students have been added to the hospital staff and are pursuing their studies under Dr. Trask, and a Chinese girl conducts clinical lectures.

In Tientsin Miss Howard, who has so long and successfully had charge of the medical work, reports her health improved, and her work still gaining ground among the people. She has been relieved by the help of Miss Dr. Akers.

The new work opened in Chung King, West China, is of special interest. Miss Wheeler writes of hundreds of women coming to her to hear of the Gospel, and of openings for schools and medical women.

In Peking the boarding school has about 50 girls, nearly all of whom are members of the Church.

### BULGARIA.

Owing to the instability of the government the work here has been interrupted, and our school closed by order of the Minister of Education. The latest advices are to the effect that the political position is changed, and the school will soon be opened.

### ITALY.

In Italy six Bible women have been earnestly battling for the truth in the cities of Rome, Milan, Turin, Bologna and Venosa.

### SOUTH AMERICA.

Miss Denning and Miss Chapin have returned to their work in Rosario. The school has about 40 day scholars.

In Montevideo, under Miss Guelfi, are 150 pupils.

### MEXICO.

In the city of Mexico the school numbers 50. Miss Hugoboom was sent out to assist Miss Mulliner.

In Pachuca, Puebla, Miraflores and Quaretaró, where schools are established, the missionaries have been indefatigable in their efforts to win the women and girls over to a purer faith.

### MOVEMENTS OF MISSIONARIES.

During the year the following missionaries have been sent out to foreign fields:

Miss R. Watson.....to.....	Yokohama, Japan.
Miss L. N. Hyde, M. D.....to.....	India.
Miss Devine.....to.....	India.
Miss Hugoboom.....to.....	Mexico.
Mrs. Jewell.....to.....	Peking, China.
Miss McKesson.....to.....	Rangoon, Burmah.



Miss Chapin and Miss Denning have returned to their work in South America.

### UNDER APPOINTMENT.

The following have been accepted and are under appointment :

Miss F. N. Hamisfar, M. D.....	Hakodati, Japan.
Miss Emma Everding.....	Nagasaki, Japan.
Miss Hedrick.....	Calcutta, India.
Miss Hoag, M. D.....	Chin Kiang, China.

### HOME ON LEAVE.

Miss Gilchrist,, M. D., Miss Bushnell, M. D., Miss Howe, Miss Priest,, Miss Spencer, Miss Gibson and Mrs. Clemens.

### LITERATURE.

The *Heathen Woman's Friend*, the organ of the society, has 19,571 subscribers, a decrease of 700 from the previous year. This is not surprising, as the paper has been in a transition state. The agent, Mrs. Daggett, who has been connected with it from the beginning, resigned, and Miss Walden was appointed to take charge. This paper is acknowledged to be conducted with great ability, and instead of consuming mission funds has brought help by its avails to the society, and has by its surplus met the expense of printing and sending out other literature. From its avails a cloth map of the mission fields in Japan, China and India has been published (the first large map printed by our Church), and more than half a million pages of missionary leaflets, and yet with these heavy drains its treasury is not exhausted.

With the circulation of this paper, the scattering of leaflets, the study of the uniform readings in connection with the map, an intelligence and zeal has been awakened, we trust, of an abiding nature.

Miss Whately, who for twenty years past has been laboring in mission work in Egypt, said in a recent letter: "The first text which I learned in Arabic, and taught to my first little school of ragged girls, was this, 'I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life.' This has been the head and front of all my teaching these many years."

Wherever the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society has gone, through its agencies—whether in its schools, in the home, or at the bedside, with its medical help—it has had but one idea: To point the women to one who says, "I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life." This has been the head and front of all its teachings, lo, these many years.

One missionary to 3,000,000 of women! Let the women of the Church, the young and the old, take in this thought; and, in view of this fact, may we, with a fuller sympathy for the Master, a more devout enthusiasm, take our in-

dividual part in building up that enduring Kingdom of Christ over the whole world.

In view of the responsibilities, it is ours to continue the struggle.

" Christian women, work on !  
Wrestle, and fight, and pray,  
Till Christ, the King of Kings, shall come,  
And dawn the eternal day."

MRS. J. T. GRACEY,  
*Secretary of General Executive Committee.*

## REPORT OF FOREIGN WORK.

Reports of official correspondents, who are:

Rohilkund District, Hakodati, Kiu Kiang . . . . . MRS. SKIDMORE.  
Oudh District, Nagasaki, South India . . . . . MRS. COWEN.  
Kumaon District and North China . . . . . MRS. PRESCOTT.  
Bulgaria, Italy, Bombay . . . . . MRS. T. A. HILL.  
Yokohama, South America . . . . . MRS. ALDERMAN.  
Africa, Mexico, Tokio . . . . . MRS. KEEN.  
Foochow, West China . . . . . MISS HART.

### INDIA.

In addition to the sixteen representatives of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society in India, and the wives of Missionaries having charge of work supported by the Society, the following are employed as assistants, zenanas and boarding school teachers, medical assistants and school inspectresses:

Miss Cumberland . . . . . Paori.	Miss Heming . . . . . Lucknow.
Mrs. Whithy . . . . . "	" French . . . . . "
Miss Marwood . . . . . Naini Tal.	" D'Abru . . . . . "
" K. Knowles . . . . . " "	Mrs. Garbo . . . . . "
" R. Gowan . . . . . " "	Miss Connelly . . . . . "
Mrs. Grace Moore . . . . . " "	" Cassidy . . . . . "
Miss Doyle . . . . . " "	" S. David . . . . . "
" Alice D'Abru . . . . . Bijour.	" Mispelaur . . . . . Cawnpore.
" M. Seymour . . . . . Moradabad.	" King . . . . . "
" Maria Seymour . . . . . " "	" McKenzie . . . . . "
Mrs. Smith . . . . . "	" De Souza . . . . . "
Miss Waddingham . . . . . Bareilly.	" McLeod . . . . . "
" Thompson . . . . . "	Mrs. Grant . . . . . Roi Bareilly.
" Durand . . . . . "	" Fleming . . . . . Shahjehanpore.
" Parnell . . . . . "	" Butterfield . . . . . Budaon.
Mrs. Haddis . . . . . "	

## MATRONS.

*Cawnpore*—Mrs. Jackson; *Budaon*—Mrs. Butterfield; *Bijnour*—Mrs. Rogers; *Paori*—Mary W. Greenwald; *Moradabad*—Mrs. Alexander; *Lucknow*—Mrs. Burnell; *Bareilly*—Miss O'Callegheh.

## ROHILKUND.\*

## MISSIONARIES.

MISS FANNY J. SPARKES, Bareilly,      MISS C. A. SWAIN, M. D., Bareilly,  
 " L. KELLEY, Bareilly,      " H. KERR, Bareilly,  
 " E. DEVINE, Moradabad,      " PHEBE ROWE, Bijnour.

In Charge of Work—MRS. J. H. GILL, MRS. BARE

The Province of Rohilkund has an area of 10,800 square miles, with a population of 5,122,557, making 470 persons to the square mile. It will be seen that, with less than one-fourth as many square miles as the State of New York, it contains a larger population. These people live in 46 towns and cities, and 11,281 villages. The female population numbers 2,393,796.

*Bijnour* is the most northern circuit in the Province. Mission work is carried on from seven centers, from ten to twenty miles apart. The work supported by the Woman's Missionary Society is in charge of Miss Phebe Rowe. This work comprises a Christian Girls' Boarding School, eight city and village schools, with interesting zenana and village work in the homes of the people. The girls in the Boarding School come from villages all over the circuit, and are the daughters of the native Christians, who are living so widely scattered that schools cannot be provided for them in the villages, and who are too poor to support their daughters away from home. These girls, supported by patrons in America, are being educated and trained with special reference to their becoming efficient helpers in the work of evangelizing the women of the district. Miss Rowe has visited some of the sub-circuits, and hopes to make more extended itinerations the coming cold season. The native preacher in charge of the general work of the circuit gives the following account of a meeting held in the chapel of the girls' school house, at the time of their second quarterly meeting: "Eight days before our people commenced praying for the special outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Saturday evening, after the quarterly conference, we met for a prayer meeting in the school chapel. While opening the meeting with a few remarks, the Spirit came to me, so that I felt that He was speaking through me to the people. When we bowed in prayer, the Holy Ghost came upon us in great power, and all the place seemed filled with His presence. When the speaking commenced, a peculiar influence seemed to move all hearts, and, though we remained together three hours, no one seemed ready to leave the place. Our Love Feast on Sunday morning was a season of special blessing. When I felt that we had all received this new baptism, I became very hopeful for the work of the year."

\*This report of work in Rohilkund District was furnished by Mrs. Parker.



Mrs. Hakk continues in charge of the work for women in her husband's district, which was formed of the old circuits of Amroha and Sambhal. She has new helpers in the school girls, from Moradabad, who found homes in this district after their marriage. One of the oldest Christian women in the district has recently died. She was one of the first in our mission field to accept Christ. She afterwards became blind, and for some years has been a great sufferer, but she never lost her trust in Christ. She was an earnest, devoted Christian woman, a living example to all her heathen neighbors. When she found that she must die, she called her family together, told them that she was going to her heavenly home, and gave to each her farewell; sent words of thanks to those who had taught her the way to heaven, and while the sound of Christian song filled her humble home on earth, she opened her eyes upon the glories of heaven.

In *Moradabad* the Girls' Boarding School has been in the care of Mrs. Gill and Miss DeVine. The number in attendance has been about one hundred. A number of the older girls have been married, and have gone to their new homes, most of them to find a place among the workers.

The various departments of work in the city have gone on as usual, each phase of the work having something of special interest and encouragement. The Sunday Schools for Hindoo and Mohammedan girls, the reading of God's word in the homes of the rich and the poor, the words of comfort spoken to the sick and suffering who come to the Dispensary for medicine, are all so many agencies to prepare the way for the coming of Christ's kingdom in this city.

In *Chandauli* four Sunday Schools are reported, one in each of the three girls' schools, and one in a chumar mahallah, with an average attendance of seventy-five. The Bible-women visit regularly in five different wards in the city, where from twenty to twenty-five women and girls listen to their instructions.

*Bareilly* is one of the most important centers for work in the Province. The Girls' Orphanage was one of the first institutions established in this mission, the first girl having been received in 1858. The number of girls at the close of last year was 278, including 44 in the boarding department. Miss Sparkes reports that "the general work of the orphanage has gone on much as usual this year; hard work has been done both by teachers and pupils. Our older girls have been our especial pride and comfort. Four of the Normal class girls are members of Dr. Dease's medical class. Besides their class work and the assistance given at Miss Swain's Dispensary, these four girls have had charge of the sick in the Orphanage, compounding and dispensing medicines for them, assisting in nursing the sick, etc., and their work has been very faithfully done. Most of our girls have grown stronger and better, more helpful and thoughtful of others this year."

The medical work, in charge of Miss Swain, M. D., goes on increasing in interest and importance from year to year. It has always been the custom to give religious instruction to the morning patients, while they are waiting for

their prescriptions. Miss Swain reports the following incident : "A few mornings ago a woman came, bringing her sick child, the only surviving one of seven. The Bible-woman comforted her greatly by telling her of Jesus, who, when upon earth, took little children up in his arms and blessed them. Now he came to heal the sick and comfort the broken hearted. She assured her that the little ones she had consigned to the sacred river were safe with Him, and that He would pardon her sins if she would believe on Him, and trust in Him for salvation. We prescribed for the little one, praying that the dear Father would spare this one, and that the good seed sown in the mother's heart might spring up and bear fruit unto eternal life."

The zenana work, which is carried on in about two hundred homes, is in charge of Miss Kelly, who reports that "the Bible-women manifest great interest in their work, and report of it in a very encouraging manner. One says : 'I am teaching sixteen pupils. Some are reading the Bible, and the hymns are pleasing to all. One young Hindoo girl, just leaving for her husband, takes her Testament and Hymn Book with her, and says she will continue her reading, and let me know of the progress she makes.' Another says, 'When I go to the city the women receive me with great respect, and ask me to sing bhajans. When I am singing in one house the women in the next house hear and call me to sing to them; and when I read the Bible they ask questions, which I answer, and they say, all you tell us is very true and very good !' Each of the other Bible-women bears the same testimony to the interest with which the women hear the truth."

The school for Christian women, designed especially for the wives of the students of the Normal School and Theological Seminary, has numbered twenty-one, and is in charge of Mrs. Bannerjee. It is made a special point to impress upon the minds of these women, not only the necessity of their knowing how to read and write, and to become well acquainted with the religion they profess, but also the importance of their being able to help their husbands in their work of preaching and teaching after they leave school and go out to the villages.

There are nine schools in the city, seven for Hindoo and two for Mohammedan girls. There are Sunday Schools in connection with each of these, which are well attended. Rewards, in the shape of picture cards, are given to those little girls who can repeat all the Golden Texts for the quarter.

In Aonla there are several girls' schools. The native pastor's wife and the Bible-women visit in many houses of the higher castes, but the work which promises most in immediate results is that among the inquirers of the lower classes. A great deal of religious instruction is regularly given in the schools and in the houses.

The work in *Fathgunge* is altogether in villages, and under native workers. Several Hindoo homes are visited, and a few heathen girls are taught in schools, but the especial work is in teaching and training the Christian women and girls

in this large circuit. The number of Christians increases steadily among all classes. The pastor, a Hindustani Jew, writes : " We have had forty baptisms this quarter, from among seven different castes, including some from the highest to the lowest. At one village the interest was so great that one of the priests and one of the landholders entered the temple and pulled down the idol of the great deity, 'Mahadeo,' and threw it away, while all the people said, 'We will worship only Jesus in the future.' All this gives new work to the Christian women, for all these women coming in from the heathen must be taught. There are more than six hundred villages in this circuit, and Christians in about thirty of these.

*Khera Bajhera* is also a village circuit, under the charge of a native pastor, whose wife is a model Christian woman. She keeps careful supervision over the two girls' schools, the zenana and village work. She is faithful also in teaching the Christian women, that they may become intelligent experimental Christians, and living examples to the heathen women about them.

In *Budaon* there is a Boarding School for Christian girls, which numbers about fifty girls, a large number of city and village day schools, and a great deal of work in the hands of the people in the city and in the villages. Mrs. Hoskins has had charge of this work for many years, but has been obliged to leave India for a season. In a meeting of zenana workers the question was asked, " What good results from your work ? " One replied, " Scores of women have given up worshipping idols, and now pray only to God." Another said, " Many women have learned to read, and they love to read the Testament, and I know many who are truly trying to live according to its teachings." Another said, " Besides this, our visits and our teaching changes them outwardly. They are neater in their homes, they take better care of their children, they teach them to be obedient and respectful, and they are anxious for them to get instruction." Mrs. Butterfield and two of the Bible-women attended the Ganges mela, at Kakora, and were kept constantly busy by crowds of women at their own tent, or in visiting women in their stopping places. Two noteworthy events occurred at this mela. First, that a number of Hindoo women accompanied their husbands to the preaching service in the Missionary's large tent ; and second, the larger half of the books sold by the colporteur and his assistants were bought by Hindoo women. These facts indicate progress. There are seventeen Sunday Schools for girls in this circuit, with an average of about six hundred pupils.

*Ujhani* is a village circuit, in which there are Christians scattered through many villages, in the midst of a population of about 250,000. The work here is largely confined to teaching the women who have been baptized with their husbands, but who know little of the new religion they have adopted, so must have a great deal of faithful teaching to prepare them to become true members of Christ's church. The native pastor gives the following account of a Christian woman, who had been taught many years before by Mrs. Scott : " She had been married in childhood to an idolater, and when she went to her husband's



home she proclaimed herself a believer in Jesus. She was opposed and persecuted, but was led to work and pray especially for her husband and friends. The result was, that her husband and other relatives, with forty others whom she had taught, were baptized at the close of last year. This woman is now employed as a Bible-woman, and is working successfully among her own class of people in the neighboring villages.

*Bissauli* is another village circuit, in charge of a native pastor, whose wife reports of the work as follows : "I have several zenana visiting places. One of these is a Sanjado house. The preacher knew this man formerly, and when we came here to live he invited us to his house, made a great dinner for us, and treated us as if we were his best friends. Before we left the house, my little girl and I sang some bhajans for the women, which pleased them very much. When I began work in this place I took with me a stereoscope and pictures, and interested the women in them first, and then when they became friendly I could talk to them of Christ."

In *Shahjehanpore* the zenana work is carried on as usual in about one hundred and fifty houses. Mrs. Fleming reports that some of the women have shown much interest in the hymns and Bible lessons. Tears are frequently seen coursing down the cheeks of the older women, as the tender, touching words of Christ to the sad and sinful are repeated to them. With regard to the city school work, Mrs. Bare reports : "We are thankful that there are twelve schools in this city where the little girls are taught the Lord's prayer, the Ten Commandments and the Catechism. In one of these schools the Gospel is being read in Hindi ; in another, in Urdu, and in a third, the Psalms and Proverbs in Hindi are being read. In addition to this, they are taught reading, writing, arithmetic and geography ; and thus, day by day, we are helping to lay a foundation for a wiser and better generation. We have 300 girls enrolled in our city day schools, but the number in our Sunday Schools is much greater. Not only girls, but boys and women crowd around us on Sunday to hear the wonderful Bible stories, receive verses of Scripture, tracts, Sunday School papers, or whatever else we may have to give them. The supply is seldom equal to the demand, and we often wish we had more of this matter to distribute among them.

Minerva Adams reports of the Christian village of *Panahpur* as follows : "There is one girls' school in our village, numbering twenty-six. They learn English, Urdu and Hindi ; also knitting of stockings, sewing and marking. I instruct our Christian women in the Sunday School, and always hold prayer and class meetings with them. Rani goes to the zenana work among the heathen in the surrounding villages."

Mrs. Gulezari Lall reports of the work in *Pawayan* : "We have two girls' schools here ; in one 23, and in the other 16 girls are learning. These girls are making constant progress in their studies. In *Tilhur* there are two girls' schools, and twenty-five zenanas in the city visited by the Bible-women."

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FOR 1883.

Missionaries of Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.....	6
Married ladies in charge of work.....	2
Assistants.....	9
Native preachers' wives in charge of work.....	8
Bible-women and Christian teachers.....	8
Girls in orphanage.....	242
Girls in boarding schools.....	264
Christian girls in other day schools.....	133
Heathen girls in schools.....	1,638
Total of schools.....	94
Total Christian girls.....	649
Total heathen girls.....	1,638
Total girls in schools.....	2,287
Zenanas.....	651

ROUDH DISTRICT.

MISSIONARIES OF W. F. M. SOCIETY.

MISS I. THOBURN, Lucknow,	MISS S. A. EASTON, Cawnpore,
" L. E. BLACKMAR, Lucknow,	" E. I. HOY, Cawnpore.

MARRIED LADIES IN CHARGE OF WORK.

MRS. E. M. SCOTT,	MRS. S. KNOWLES,	MRS. NIELD.
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This District, with its teeming millions of people, its wide open doors and growing missionary work, presents a fruitful field for the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society. Though the work has steadily grown in the past year, the force of missionary workers is much reduced, and those in charge have been overworked. Miss Nickerson was taken from the needy zenana work in Lucknow to the more needy field at Pithoragarh; Mrs. Badley, who had cared for the city schools at Lucknow, came home for a rest, and Mrs. McGrew and Mrs. Johnson, for the same reason left Cawnpore, with its zenana and city work. Miss Mispelaur was removed from Lucknow to take charge of the zenana work in Cawnpore, and somehow the breaches in the wall have been made good, and no serious loss has been felt. But we can not afford to run such risks another year. Those in charge cannot long carry such burdens without breaking down. The Christian Girls' Boarding School, at Lucknow, has passed a very prosperous year. Number of pupils enrolled, 117; number of boarders, 73—all that can possibly be accommodated. Many are turned away for want of room. The general health of the girls has been excellent. A convenient house, with two rooms, has been built for a hospital, which has already proved a great blessing in securing the quiet necessary for the sick, and

also preventing the spread of contagious diseases. The school was examined by the Inspector, at the close of the year, and received high commendation. Three pupils passed for the Calcutta "Entrance." There is also a normal class to prepare girls for teaching, either in schools or zenanas. The city schools, under charge of Miss D'Abru, continue; also, the Sabbath School work in connection with each school. Scripture lessons and the catechism are systematically taught. The attendance is good, and there is marked improvement in general conduct. The zenana work is divided into three districts, and the work systematically carried on. Miss Blackmar has had oversight of the work, in addition to her duties as Treasurer and the care of the "Home." She says "the Bible-women and assistants come every morning early, for a little talk and prayers; then each goes her way to her appointed place." New work has been opened, and grown rapidly. With a stronger force much more might have been accomplished. The Home for homeless women, opened a year and a half ago, is meeting with deserved success. Started on faith, by hands full of other work, this enterprise has proved it was of God. His blessing has been with it. Twenty-seven women have been sheltered there since the Home was opened; the average number of inmates is about fifteen. The situation is the most desirable. Of the 9,000 rupees to be paid for the building, 5,500 have been collected in India, 500 from Lucknow municipality, and the remainder from many sources: from English ladies in the different stations, from missionary workers, from school children, and from Bible women, widows' mites, and broken boxes of ointment, made up the aggregate. The home society is asked to meet the rest of the debt. It amounts to cost of outfit and passage of a missionary, and had one been sent last year, leaving Miss Blackmar free, she could have collected the whole amount in India. Seetapore woman's work consists of Sunday and day schools, zenana visiting, medical work, and one boarding school. It is, as heretofore, under the efficient supervision of Mrs. Emma M. Scott. In every department special progress is reported. The Bible-women are earnest and faithful, studying systematically. The Christian Girls' School is succeeding beyond the most sanguine expectations. Mrs. Scott says: "We hope this school will be the nucleus of a large and flourishing institution. I have now twenty boarders. They are studious, good and bright. Many things mark this as the most suitable place for the much needed Oudh boarding school."

*Cawnpore.*—Including the one at Unao, there are ten girls' schools regularly examined by a capable inspectress. One hundred and three women are taught in the different zenanas. Four Bible-women are employed, and Miss Mispelaur has been put in charge of the work. In each day school, a meeting of women and girls is held, on Sunday, where hymns, catechism and Bible lessons are taught. The bathing ghat is also regularly visited, and instruction given to such as are willing to listen.

Of the Girls' High School, Miss Easton says: "It stands in the relation its founders desired, a normal school to assist in the education and evangelization of the neglected women of India. It only remains to tell how the pupils

are preparing for this work. In this we offer thanks to Him who giveth the victory. It has been a year of steady advance of character, and an open and joyful acknowledgment of God's service; a service from which there is no withdrawal, but onward and marked advance." The dormitories built during the year make the increase of pupils possible. Seventy-three boarders are enrolled. Five go out this year from this school, as Christian workers.

*Roi Bareilly*.—Mrs. Grant in charge of woman's work. Four day schools, nine Sunday schools, and the zenana work of five Bible women. One hundred and fifteen houses are now visited, against thirty last year. The Sunday school work is remarkable. Mrs. Grant says: "It is a matter of great thankfulness to see such numbers of Hindoo and Mohammedan women gather together every Sunday, in a Christian house, to learn of and worship a Christian's God. They memorize the lessons, and, on our Presiding Elder's last visit, answered his questions intelligently, and seemed no way put out by a gentleman visiting the school. Four of the women went to our District Conference, at Cawnpore, and were noticeable for their regular attendance at our meetings. It showed moral courage to go so far without their husbands, with a band of Christians. These women asked if I would receive subscriptions of one pice, or grain, from them, and not only brought it, but asked others who were confined in zenanas to help, also. From *Roi Bareilly* rs. 201 were given to Miss Blackmar's Home."

At *Gondah* and *Baraich*, under charge of Mrs. Knowles, work is carried on at five places. At *Colonelgunge* zenana work is carried on in twenty houses, in *Baraich* eighty houses are regularly visited, and all hindrances seem removed. At *Gondah* eighty zenanas are under instruction, and one girls' school is sustained. A Brahmin heard the *bhajens* sung by a Bible woman to his wife, and his heart was touched. The native preacher was sent for, to see him. He became a Christian, and died soon after, confessing Christ to be his Savior.

At *Nawabgunge* there is scarcely a house where the Bible women cannot enter. A number of women have given up idolatry, and now pray in the name of Jesus.

The work at *Ellenpur* has grown during the year, and some souls have been led to Christ.

At *Hardui*, under charge of the native preacher's wife, two Bible women and three Christian school teachers carry on a successful work.

Mrs. Paul superintends the work at *Barabanki*. There are two day schools, and eighty girls and women who attend Sunday school. Forty houses are regularly visited by the Bible women.

Thus, throughout Oudh, the seeds of divine truth have been sown in thousands of hearts and homes. In many happy cases it has already taken root; in many more it will spring up and bear fruit to the glory of God.



## SUMMARY.

Missionaries of W. F. M. S. ....	4
Married ladies in charge of work .....	3
Assistants .....	6
Bible women .....	36
Christian school teachers .....	24
Non-Christian school teachers .....	18
Boarding schools .....	3
Day schools .....	38
Pupils in boarding schools .....	208
Pupils in day schools .....	680
Zenanas visited .....	848
Medical worker .....	1
Home for Homeless Women .....	1
Inmates .....	25

## KUMAON DISTRICT.

## MISSIONARIES.

MISS ANNIE BUDDEN, MISS FLORENCE NICKEASON, MISS E. KNOWLES.

## MARRIED LADIES IN CHARGE OF WORK.

MRS. McMAHON, MRS. BUCK, MRS. DR. HUMPHREY.

Mrs. Dr. Humphrey, of the General Missionary Society, reports the work among the native women and girls. She says: "As the work at Bharbar was begun under our care, and as Dr. Humphrey baptized the first ten or fifteen converts, this Christian colony is very dear to us; and when I saw a few little girls old enough to learn to read, I brought them to Naini Tal to educate them, and as our Mission premises were at this time considered safe, they occupied one or the houses." Mrs. Humphrey describes the girls, all, as bright, promising girls, and adds: "I believe that the work of educating the children of native Christians is now our most important work."

The future of Christianity in these hills depends largely upon the development of this little Christian church in the Bharbar. In this belief, I directed our workers to give their entire attention to zenana work, and teaching the Christian girls and women. The girls were taught most carefully by Mrs. Moore for six months, and she also visited occasionally in the zenanas. Mrs. Whitby and Mrs. Knowles also visited in the zenanas.

When Mrs. Moore was obliged to relinquish her work, it was taken up by Mrs. Rebecca Gowan, an excellent native Christian woman, who was reared in our Girls' Orphanage, studied medicine in Dr. Humphrey's class, and for the last nine years has been a valued assistant in Miss Swain's Hospital in Bareilly. She has entire charge of the little boarding school, and manages it very efficiently. The older girls seem to be trying to do right in the love and fear of

God. Ramotia has worked in a large-hearted way to do good to all sorts of people. She is welcomed to the homes of the high and the lowly. She has had about two hundred patients.

The zenana work has been very interesting. Several families of Bengalese have been visited regularly. The women can usually read. They understand Scripture teaching. One woman declares that she is a new creature since she has become acquainted with the Christian religion. In this house, and several others, the women do not like us to leave until we have had prayers, and if there are two or three of us they wish us all to pray. There has been some work done in the lower bagar. The strictness of caste notions is fast giving way.

For a report of Miss Knowles' school, we give an extract from Miss Blackmar's letter, after her visit to Naini Tal. She says: "Miss Knowles has had a hard time for the first year, but has managed well, and came out nobly. I rejoice greatly that she is succeeding, but we *knew* she would. 'This year she has had nineteen boarders. This is the way all of our schools have been made, by degrees; and Miss Knowles' school will be one we shall be as proud of as we are of Miss Easton's. She must have a building."

### BHARBAR CIRCUIT.

*Missionary*—MISS FLORENCE GOWAN.

The Bharbar is a belt of land about ten miles wide, lying at the base of the Himalaya mountains, once a part of the Naini Tal charge. There are about one hundred men, women and children connected with this charge, all in moderate circumstances, some quite poor. Six little girls connected with these families are being educated in Naini Tal.

In Haldwani a girls' school has been sustained for fourteen years, during the cold seasons. The girls come from all parts of Kumaon. The usual number of scholars is about thirty. There has been a great deal of visiting among the women of all classes for many years. They have always been very fond of hearing the Bible readers sing, and this year particularly are delighted with such opportunities.

### DWARAHATH.

Miss Buck says: "Our work among the villages, although irregularly carried on, has been very interesting. About twenty villages have been visited. We have often looked at the busy women and longed to make them acquainted with the 'good tidings.' These women are *bought* at the tender age of ten or twelve by their husbands, and are expected by their industry to repay the rupees that have been paid for them. In the early morning they prepare their simple food, and attend to their few household duties, and then having put their little ones to sleep in baskets, leave them out in the sun and go forth to their field work. In the evening, when they return they prepare the evening meal and

attend to the wants of the family. Those who go to the jungles sometimes have to go from five to ten miles to bring grass for the cattle or wood for cooking purposes. Thus the women seem to be always occupied. We particularly need good native Christian hill women to engage in this work ; but it is a matter of thankfulness that so many women and girls in our institutions in Paori and elsewhere are being trained for this work."

### PITHORAGARH.

The work in Pithoragarh consists of village women and girls' schools, home for friendless women, and Christian girls' school.

Miss Budden reports the work as carried on exactly on the same plan as last year. The village school numbers fifteen girls. Two more girls of this school have confessed their faith in Christ and become inmates of the Christian school during this year, and we are hoping and praying that ere long God's spirit will complete the work evidently begun in the hearts of three or four more. The village women's classes are held twice a week as usual, and well attended. There are forty-six names on the book.

The missionary afternoons have been kept up steadily. All the native Christian women have now joined, and the younger girls accompany them and help in the singing. As many as twenty-five have gone out in twos and threes to different villages, have sung hymns, shown pictures, and spoken Christian truths. The number of women and girls who listen, in each group vary from one to thirty. The example of these women and girls has stimulated others, and at Almora they are following their example with blessed results. The number of names on the school roll at Pithoragarh is ninety-four. The attendance varies from fifty to seventy.

#### THE "HOME FOR THE FRIENDLESS."

Miss Budden says : "The chief causes for thankfulness as regards the "Home," are that we have had three additions, not a woman has left during the year, and that the improvement of several inmates has been very marked. Of the thirteen women, seven are Christians ; three more have broken their caste, as an indication that they have taken this as their home for life ; a fourth is anxious to be baptized, but needs further training ; only two remain firm to their heathen prejudices. There have been sixteen women and thirteen girls, a higher number than ever before ; there are also five children living with their mothers. Miss Budden has built up a new row of houses, and will put up two more to accommodate eight girls. The cultivation of the farm has gone on as usual, and they have bought a little more land. She has replaced cattle lost last year, and added new stock. She is fast making the home self-supporting. Since March Miss Nickerson has been associated with Miss Budden in work in Pithoragarh, in Mrs. Grey's place. She has found her work both pleasant and profitable.

## GARHWAL.

Paori orphanage and boarding school, Chapra, Kain, Thalhi and Srinigar—Mrs. McMahon in charge.

There are thirty-nine orphans in the orphanage at Paori. During the year all the interests of the mission have been maintained. The annual camp meeting was attended by all the girls except the very little ones, by all the teachers and Bible readers, and by the greater part of the Gurhwal Christians. The girls and women walked there and back, a distance of sixteen miles each way. There were two hundred and two Christians present, besides seventy Hindoos. It was a profitable season.

The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society has met monthly through the year. About \$10 were contributed for the support of the work. An appropriation of \$100 was made for medical work. Two thousand and eighty-six persons have been treated.

The school work has been continued at the villages. A new school opened at Kain. There are eleven zenanas under instruction. Elizabeth, a native pastor's wife, has been a Bible reader since July. She has visited in six houses and eight villages. In all the village schools there are sixty-one pupils.

## STATISTICS FOR KUMAON DISTRICT.

Missionaries.....	3
Assistants.....	2
Bible readers.....	10
Medical Bible women.....	1
School teachers.....	17
Pupils in boarding school.....	41
Pupils in day schools.....	142
Zenanas visited.....	107
Women under instruction.....	128
Girls in orphanage.....	39
Women in "Home".....	14
Patients attended.....	200

## SOUTH INDIA.

## MISSIONARIES.

MISS M. E. LAYTON, Calcutta.

MISS E. WARNER, Rangoon.

MISS MARY MCKESSON, Rangoon.

Heretofore only outfit and passage of teachers for English schools in South India have been asked of the W. F. M. S., and this modest request has only been partly met.

*Calcutta.*—Miss Layton has closed her first five years in charge of the



Girls' Boarding and Day School in Calcutta. This institution is grandly meeting the expectations of its founders, in furnishing trained teachers for schools and zenanas. The past year has been a prosperous one, the school full and many turned away for want of room. A new building is a necessity which presses heavily on those in charge; a request for help comes before our Society at this meeting. Diligent search for a teacher to send to Miss Layton's help, failed to find one ready to go this year. The door is still open, and the call "Come over and help us," entreating.

### RANGOON.

Miss Warner's school closes its second year with every mark of prosperity. The school building donated by the government proves to be well suited to the needs, and the school numbers ninety, eleven of whom are boarders; seventeen are music pupils. The progress made by the scholars is commendable. Some of these children are orphans who have been taken in by Miss Warner without promise of money, but, as she says, "believing it to be God's will, I can rely upon him to supply all our needs. We are putting up a cheap building, which will probably be the nucleus of an orphanage or something of the kind. It is to be one story, elevated on posts twelve feet high, the lower part serving for a play-ground for the school children, a necessity in the burning sun of the dry season, and the heavy rains of the wet season. Our first thought was to build only a covered play-ground, but as the needs of orphans and poor children were pressed upon us, the feeling grew that we should utilize the roof, and it was decided to build the dormitory above. The additional expense will not be great, and I doubt not God will send the means to complete it. My health is good, though I have never had such a multiplicity of cares as this year. This being the case, some things must be neglected, but God knows my willing heart, and somehow He will not let the work suffer for my deficiencies. Send us help; send all you can. We could employ three more teachers."

Miss Mary McKisson, of Berea, Ohio, offered herself as a candidate to be sent to Rangoon, was accepted by the Reference Committee, and is now on her way. She is sent by the Western Branch. Another teacher is asked for.

### BOMBAY.

A year ago it was decided to send two ladies to Bombay to open up zenana work there. This was to be native work entirely, and supported as such work in the North India Conference. The call was a very urgent one, but the ladies suitable for this work could not be found, and we close the year with this pledge unredeemed. Surely into this harvest field some will this year say, "Send me."

## CHINA.

## FOOCHOW.

## MISSIONARIES.

MISS B. WOOLSTON,

MISS S. WOOLSTON,

MISS S. TRASK, M.D.,

MISS J. A. SPARR, M.D.

## WIVES OF MISSIONARIES

*Having charge of work under Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.*

MRS. OHLINGER,

MRS. CHANDLER,

MRS. PLUMB.

The work of our Society in Foochow naturally divides itself into four parts: The Girls' Boarding School, for twenty years under charge of the Misses Woolston; the Woman's Training School, or, in anticipation, the Female Anglo-Chinese College; the day schools, and Bible women; the medical work.

The Foochow boarding school has enrolled thirty children this year. Miss Woolston writes: "We have had a nice lot of children, diligent and well-behaved. The most promising girl in school is the daughter of one of our old scholars. She does her mother credit. The fourth class of six little girls deserve special mention, as they are all promising." It is with regret that we receive this as probably the last report from these time-honored veterans of our work—the Misses Woolston, the pioneers of our distinctive woman's work for women in foreign lands. New educational methods, including the study of English, the Chinese classics, music and other accomplishments, are being introduced into China, which they do not approve, and, therefore, will not adopt; but, in retiring from this work, these sisters bring with them the highest appreciation and esteem of the oldest missionaries, not only of our own Church, but of all the Boards represented in China, and of the Society with which their identification has been so long and close. They have laid a deep foundation, on which we can but trust others will wisely and grandly build.

The usual clear tabulated report of schools and Bible women has not been furnished this year. Rev. Mr. Sites gives a detailed account of Schools in Hok-chiang District; Mrs. Ohlinger reports three in the Foochow District, and six in Kucheng District. Yeng Ping District is so remote that it continues to resist all efforts to plant girls' schools.

What was the Woman's Training School, now under the charge of Sia Sek Ong, a native preacher, with the assistance of Mrs. Ohlinger, has so changed in its character and scope as to have become a school for women, girls and children, of all ages and grades, and affording to them most enlarged and diversified opportunities for general education. Those in charge of the schools, most of our missionaries now in Foochow, and all of the native preachers, are enthusiastic in their reports, and in their expectation of the new enterprise. They see in it a most encouraging agency for the redemption and

regeneration of China. This school was opened in February and had twenty new pupils when the report was made—more waiting for enlarged accommodation. The Principal writes: "Wherever the school is known, both the intelligent heathen as well as the Christian express their belief that it is one of the instrumentalities by which the fetters that have so long bound women in China are to be broken."

Rev. Hu Seng Mi, Presiding Elder of the Hing-hwa Woman's School, reports of the Hing-hwa Woman's School: "Sixteen in attendance. The greater number have bound feet. Their studies are chiefly the Gospels, Nash's Catechism, and Bible picture books." Elder Hu writes, "that all these Church sisters are much more fully acquainted with the truths of Christianity than before they entered the school, and in conduct and example are very like the true disciples of Christ. We have reason to believe they will become useful instruments for work in the service of Christ in the Church."

One of the most remarkable documents received by our Society is one from the native preachers, asking for the higher education of the females, and pleading for it with an eloquence and wealth of illustration thoroughly Oriental.

In two respects our work in Foochow is passing through a transition state, and is practically seeking the solution of two problems—one the advisability of giving English and advanced education to Chinese girls; the other, how far the native church should regulate the affairs of a mission. Let us hope the solution may prove the wisdom of the experiment.

The medical work grows steadily in interest and favor, as evidenced by the increase of patients over other years, in the greater faith manifested in foreign drugs, and confidence in foreign physicians. A regular attendance has been kept up at the Hospital Dispensary, while the interest has been unabated at the East Street Dispensary. Mr. Ohlenger writes of the work done in these, that "thousands have already been the recipients of Christian sympathy and kindness, and still they come streaming in, as if the Master Himself were once more moving among the sick and dying." The report is as follows:

*Annual Report of Hospital for Women and Children, Foochow, Year ending June, 1883.*

	No. Patients.	No. Prescriptions.	No. Surgical Op.	Visits.	Deaths
House .....	58	.....	26	.....	2
Hospital Dispensary .....	1,051	1,993	66	.....	.....
East Street Dispensary ....	1,644	3,247	134	.....	.....
Bedside patients .....	262	650	60	871	.....
TOTAL .....	3,015	5,890	286	871	2

Four new medical students have been added during the year, so that the number is now increased to six. But few more interesting letters have been received than the one from Dr. Sparr, giving the history and character of the students. He says, seven years ago Dr. Trask received under her instruction the first medical student in Foochow, the first ever in China. Then describing each of them with loving, hopeful interest, she adds: "It is not easy when you love them all, and when each has endeared herself, to speak in any other than a partial manner of these our medical students. Of course they have their faults, but they are not serious ones. They do you all honor, I am sure. They have charge of the morning and evening services in the wards, and they read and explain the Gospel to the patients." But probably the most remarkable thing in all Chinese history was the appeal made to us recently, asking that one of these medical students, Hu Keng Eng, the daughter of one of our native preachers, a young woman of whose ability and aspirations and devotion Dr. Trask speaks in the highest terms, be brought to this country to remain if necessary ten years, that she may go back qualified to lift the womanhood of China to a higher plane, and there to superintend our medical work; and this young student herself sends an earnest petition for this, and her father says it would be a good beyond his anticipation for her. Letters have come explaining and urging this and similar action for similar cases, and measures are on foot by which, through private beneficence, this may be accomplished. Shades of conservatism and Confucianism, avaunt! Christian progress triumphs even in China!

Foochow Boarding School, scholars.....	30
Woman's Training School.....	20
Hing-hwa's Woman's School.....	16

#### Day Schools—

Hok-chiang District.....	7
Foochow ".....	4
Ku-cheng ".....	6
Hing-hwa ".....	4
Bible women, Hok-chiang.....	1
Medical students.....	6

## NORTH CHINA.

### MISSIONARIES.

MISS CLARA M. CUSHMAN, Peking.	DR. LEONORA HOWARD, Tientsin.
" ANNIE B. SEARS, Peking.	" ESTELLA AKERS, Tientsin.
MRS. JEWELL, Peking.	MISS ELIZABETH YATES, Tientsin.
MRS. GAMEWELL, of General Missionary Society.	

Miss Cushman reports as follows for the Boarding school at Peking:

"School closed the first of July with forty-two girls. Last year we had some girls whose influence was injurious to the school. When the girls went



away for last summer vacation, we said, 'Oh, Lord, this is Thy school; Thou knowest who ought to be here;' and we asked Him to bring back such of the girls only as were best for the school. God has given us our judgment and common sense to use, but when these fail, and we know not what is right or best, how safe to rest the matter in His hands. When the girls came back, not one of those girls who had seemed objectionable returned. This summer all but thirteen of the girls have gone home, and again we have committed them to His care. Knowing the enemy's power and the heathen homes, it seems to me I could never let the girls go away, were it not that I know there is One who loves them more tenderly than we, and is *all able*, and so, knowing that even a child shall lead them, we can let them go to their homes hopefully.'

"The general health has been very good. From the old drugs in the hospital, and through the kindness of Drs. Howard and Akers, we have collected quite a lot of medicines. Dr. Akers very kindly helped label and arrange, giving directions for their use and prescriptions for common diseases. Our gratitude is due both to Dr. Atterbury and Dr. Dudgeon for attentions to our girls.

"In their studies the girls have made satisfactory progress. The first class have rendered considerable assistance in instructing some of the lower classes. The eager willingness of the older girls to help in every possible way, does much to lighten our burdens and cheer our hearts. During the year Mr. Chapin has finished his geography, for which we have waited for years, and it is added to the course of study. We expect during the year to add other studies, always giving special prominence to such as teach the principles of Christianity. During the year I have given thirteen of the girls lessons in instrumental music. It was done at first as an experiment, but they have made good progress, so that for months most of them have been able to take turns playing for Chapel prayers. The influence is better than the same amount of time spent in idle talk.

"During the year we have formed a Literary Society, which the girls enjoy very much. Many of the exercises have been very creditable, and they had the pleasure of inviting girls from other schools to attend.

"The correspondence with friends and patrons in America affords them much enjoyment. We read the letters to our teachers, who put them into Chinese, so that the girls can keep them and read them over when they please.

"The sewing is becoming less burdensome, since the younger girls are better able to help, and now we have no sewing done outside, except sewing the soles on the shoes, costing less than eight cents a pair. More and more we believe it is not best to take very young girls into the school, unless there be extraordinary reasons, as girls who come in later make more rapid progress, and in the end come out as good scholars as those who enter earlier. We feel we can better employ our time working for the older girls and women. All our older girls are Christians, and I am sure are sincere in their desires to follow Jesus, and give Him the best service they can. The atmosphere of the school

is Christianized, and the girls soon fall into the outward observance of Christian duties, and it is just beyond this that our most earnest, prayerful efforts are needed, and it is here we need your prayers, that the Holy Spirit may be given to lead them into the truth.

"Thirteen girls joined on probation just before school closed, having been on trial for some time. The girls that I brought in with me from my country trip have all made good progress. More than half our girls are from Christian homes; over twenty have had their feet unbound since coming. I think ours is the only school that insists on having the feet unbound. I believe in it more and more as I watch results. It is worth coming to China for five years to save one woman the untold torture of bound feet."

#### DAY SCHOOL.

The oldest girl in the day school (16 years old) gives much promise. Her progress alone would pay for the trouble. She has already been through a small book prepared by Miss Haven, entitled "Words and Doings of Jesus," and is now reading the New Testament in course, besides which she prepares every Sunday the Sunday school lesson. A few months ago she did not know any of the characters. Her younger sister is reading the Catechism, and is up the first in the morning, under the window, giving the whole family the benefit of her knowledge. Her brothers are learning the Christian hymns from her. Her father, finding the tracts were cheaper for wrapping the merchandise than other paper, bought them, read them, and gradually came to believe.

Miss Cushman reports the Sunday school and the work among the women in a very prosperous condition.

Miss Sears writes: "Mrs. Jewell certainly is exceedingly suitable for the work. I could not ask better promise for a co-laborer." She adds: "Our outlook for a year's work was never brighter."

#### TRAINING SCHOOL.

Mrs. Gamewell has had charge of the Training school, to which she has given so much thought, labor and prayer during the past years. She writes: "I have seen Miss Field, and had a long talk about methods that helped me much. The plans that have been revolving in my mind for years about a Training school are unfolding and increasing as the work progresses. This reaching adults is eminently satisfactory. Miss Field says of the class who have come to me, that the least promising of my class is more promising than the best with which she began her work ten years ago. She began with five and now has twenty, has taught more than a hundred, and has fifteen Bible women in active employment. Can you imagine how my heart expands as I hear of all this done, and within ten years? I wish very much we had these women in a permanent building. A doctor may come and want these hospital rooms before a place is provided for my women. Well, it is all in God's hands; if He wants things as I have wished and believed best, He can easily bring it

to pass. Buildings for Training school should be much simpler than I at first contemplated. Unless purchase of land added much to the expense, about \$1,000 would put them up. I cannot feel that the school is really established until provided with suitable buildings."

Two women accompanied Mrs. Gamewell in her second country trip, and helped her very much among the women whom she visited. She says: "I was pleased to note that the Bible women improved in the manner of presenting Bible truth. At first they seemed timid, and not so wise in the selection of topics, but by the time they left they were doing nicely."

Mrs. Gamewell has written a second book of travels in the country in search of suitable women for the school. This book contains instructive and amusing accounts of the origin and prosperity of the Training school. It also has photographic illustrations.

### TIENTSIN.

Miss Yates says: "My heart knows something of the 'hundred fold' of joy promised to those who leave home and friends for Christ, when from the lips of these heathen children I hear—

'Jesus the water of life will give,  
Freely, freely, freely,'

and the ear of faith hears the mighty chorus that shall one day arise from this nation, when in the hearts of this people shall spring up that well of living water unto everlasting life. Besides the good influence of the school over the children, it has served as an agent in opening other hearts and homes, and I have had ten women under daily instruction. During the winter my work was mostly as translator for Dr. Akers. Since the weather became warmer I have been engaged in teaching twenty-three in-patients.

"When the weather is suitable patients come daily to the Dispensary. Mrs. Wang, the Bible woman, scatters the precious seed among the patients, as my other duties take all my time. During all the year I have held Monday afternoon meetings for women in my study, with an attendance varying from five to twenty-five. Since the 4th of July I have had them in the Chapel, which has opened new work to me. I intended to have a service once a week, but the interest seemed to warrant their daily continuance. The attendance this week was seventy, among whom were more than a dozen men, some of whom apparently were of the literati, who listened with respectful attention. This is the first service of the kind ever undertaken by a lady. It has the support and sympathy of the gentlemen of our mission. Much of the seed falls by the wayside, much on stony ground, but let us also believe some falls on good ground, and will bring forth many fold to God's glory."

Dr. Howard reports as follows: "The Temple Dispensary has not been opened during the past year. First, because of my purpose last fall to go home; and second, the premises for some months have been occupied by a Viceroy and his retinue. Excepting twelve weeks of the winter months our

Mission Dispensary has been opened daily, seven weeks of which I spent in constant medical attendance on Lady Li, the remainder of the time on a country trip, in company with Miss Cushman. During this time Dr. Akers opened the Dispensary twice a week, and visited out-patients when sent for. I kept no statistics of work done by me while in the country. A goodly number came to the Mission premises, eager to get medicine. While I tried to relieve physical suffering, Miss Cushman told them of the great Physician. Some too ill to come out invited us to visit them in their homes. In every instance we were treated with confidence and respect. Miss Yates has held daily service in the Hospital wards, doing faithful and effective work in spreading God's truth. In the Dispensary and wards Miss Wang has been very helpful and trustworthy, never losing an opportunity to speak for the Master. Since the establishment of my work in city or country, I have been indebted to the gentlemen of the mission for kindness, counsel and hearty co-operation."

In addition to Dr. Howard's mention of Dr. Akers, we would say that she has been very diligent in the study of the language. She earnestly appeals for a physician to be sent, to be in training for Peking:

#### STATISTICS FOR NORTH CHINA.

Missionaries.....	5
Boarding schools.....	1
Scholarships.....	42
Day schools.....	3
Hospitals.....	1
Training schools.....	1
Women in Training schools.....	6

#### MEDICAL WORK.

Temple Dispensary.....	1
Patients in wards.....	92
Out patients.....	903
Mission Dispensary patients.....	8,357
Prescriptions given.....	29,657

LUCY E. PRESCOTT, *Official Correspondent.*

#### KIU KIANG.

*Missionary*—MISS GERTRUDE HOWE.

The last General Executive Committee left the resignation of Miss Gertrude Howe, our only Kiu Kiang missionary, in the hands of the Official Correspondent. Miss Howe carried her work faithfully and successfully, though under many disabilities, for several months. At last the hope of retaining her was reluctantly abandoned, and, in August, a resolution passed the Committee



of Reference, accepting her resignation. That resolution was immediately communicated to her, and strong efforts made to send some one to take her place.

If possible, a lady must be sent to take charge of the boarding school, and a medical lady to reopen the medical work. Kiu Kiang is in great need of help and prayer.

## WEST CHINA.

*Missionary*—MISS FRANCES A. WHEELER.

It is a stock story, true or false, that has adorned many a moral and pointed many a tale, of the weeping of Alexander, after conquering the known world, that there were no more worlds left to conquer. The Christian warrior has no such cause for tears; our grief is the new important fields constantly opened up, with our inability to occupy. Within the last two years such a field has opened up, in West China; a field of whose vastness, population, resources, strategic importance and promise, probably few of us have the faintest conception. Because of these, and because it is so new and comparatively unknown, it commends itself to our special study; and yet, for another reason: It is not an unusual thing for men to take the map of the world and study localities and connections, trace the course of rivers, the current of population, and influences, with reference to commercial advantages, enlarged trading facilities, and personal aggrandizement. Wise business men do this, and, in this sense, are wiser in their generation than the Children of Light. But it is an unusual thing for a man to take up this same map, and to study it with the same intelligence and interest, and intensity, not directly for personal advantage, but intent on finding just the place of greatest need and promise, where, as on virgin soil, he might plant the standard of the Cross; where he might find a new world to enter and occupy for Christ.

It is somewhat an open secret that one, spreading out the map of China, and seeking all available information, came to the conclusion that the province of Lichum, in the center of West China, bordering on West Thibet, on the future overland route to India, with an area of 166,000 square miles, or, as large as the New England States, together with New York, Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Delaware, with a population of 27,000,000, or more than half that of the United States, and with the six contiguous and easily accessible provinces, comprising a population of 90,000,000, or nearly one-third of the millions of China, almost altogether without the Gospel, was, indeed, worthy of large investment, and aggressive enterprise. And the deed followed, and the West China Mission exists, planned, inaugurated, and chiefly to the present carried, by Rev. J. F. Goucher.

Any attention to the figures just used will give a faint idea of the magnitude and importance of the enterprise. A glance at the map will give some

idea of its location, its great inaccessibility utterly contradicting the slur sometimes cast upon our missionaries, of making seaport settlements, or of places easily reached and occupied without much sacrifice. Indeed, the graphic description of the long, picturesque, perilous journey thither (a journey only possible in boats at certain seasons of the year), over rocks and waterfalls, given by Mr. Wheeler, in his ascent of the river Yangtse, is one of the most interesting and thrilling accounts in modern missionary literature, and might convince one that heroism and enterprise are not lost arts in the Christian Church. But it has been made; our missionaries, through all these perils of field and flood, have come and seen, and commenced to conquer. Rev. Mr. Wheeler writes: "Here we have fairly entered upon the exploration of the largest and most wealthy provinces in the Empire, unexcelled by any country in the world for beauty and fertility, but whose untaught millions dwell in the shadow of death."

Chung-king, the great commercial city and centre of West China, is the present base of operations. Dr. Wheeler reports from Chung-king, March 5, that the work presses the mission on every hand. Larger premises are wanted. They would be filled at the preaching services. The ladies are employed almost beyond the measure of their strength in receiving native women and children who come in crowds to see them. "I have seen nothing like it elsewhere in China," says Dr. Wheeler.

Rev. Mr. Lewis writes: "The prospect for work among the women is very promising. The other day we were invited to a feast by one who belongs to a rich and influential mandarin family. The ladies in foreign dress sat down with Chinese ladies in native attire, to partake of a dinner prepared in regular Chinese style. Scarcely were they seated before an invitation was given to preach the doctrine. The indications are that nowhere in China are women so accessible to these foreign sisters as here"

## JAPAN.

### TOKIO.

#### MISSIONARIES.

MISS M. J. HOLBROOK,  
" ANNA P. ATKINSON,

MRS. CARRIE W. VAN PELTER,  
MISS M. A. SPENCER, home on leave.

The work in Tokio was never more encouraging than now. From the re-opening of school, last September, the girls seemed very seriously impressed, and, one by one, they yielded to the persuasive influences of the Holy Spirit, until twenty had professed faith in the Saviour, and united with the church on probation. They were all baptized March 18th, and received into full membership. A spirit of piety and serious devotion possessed them; most earnest were their prayers for growth in grace and for the salvation of their friends,

and gloriously were these prayers answered, when, early in April, the Holy Spirit descended upon us in a pentecostal shower, and in one evening 27 came into the clear light of acceptance with God, giving strong testimony of the Saviour's presence in their hearts. From oldest to youngest the burden of souls seemed laid upon all, and when the usual spring holiday week came, gladly did they part from us and from each other, that they might tell their friends how great things the Lord had done for them. Their glowing love and earnest testimony bore continual witness to the baptism of power received from on high. A spirit of prayer possessed them, and in groups and individually, they plead for grace to serve the Master acceptably in all things. Of the sixty-six pupils in the school, forty-seven are Christians, and all the older girls but one stand boldly on the Lord's side. She is resisting all the influences as yet brought to bear upon her; thoroughly impregnated with Buddhist and Confucian teaching, she cannot accept the doctrine of salvation by Jesus Christ; but we have faith in prayer, and believe that her strong will must soon yield acquiescence to the Divine will in repentance and faith in Jesus Christ.

The progress of the girls in their studies was marked all through the year, and their examinations creditably passed. Two Korean gentlemen attended our Christmas festival, and one of them, who has since been converted, received his first serious impressions of the truth of Christianity from seeing the attainments of our girls through Christian instruction.

Of the older girls four regularly assist in Sabbath school work; three are able to act as interpreters, when required, and six take turns in playing the organ at family prayers.

The woman's meeting at the training school for nurses (Asakusa), although interrupted during the spring and summer by examinations, was not wholly disbanded, and we were highly gratified in the conversion of one woman there, who received baptism in July. A new Sunday school was recently started in this neighborhood, attended by three women and eleven children, the result of the prayerful effort of a little Bible-woman, who longed to do all she could for Jesus. Very precious have been the class-meetings, held weekly, both in the school and church. The women and girls pray and speak without effort, and are very apt in expressing their feelings and desires. At Tamachi, a day school was opened in January, with fifteen pupils, which gradually increased to thirty-one, with a most gratifying improvement in their manners and morals. The oldest pupil, a rough boy, has been recently converted, and is a recognized leader among his class-mates. His aim is to take the position of assistant teacher, as soon as he is able. The work at Tamachi, organized by Miss Whiting, and carried on by Miss Spencer, is very encouraging, and more women are interested in the Bible than ever before. O To San, one of the pupils assisting Miss Holbrook at the Azabu Sunday School, was married last April to a graduate of the Agricultural College at Sapporo, and has removed to that place with her husband. She was proficient in music, and had played the organ in the Tsukiji native church for a long time. She is very happy and contented in her new home, and writes of the many plans already on foot for spread-

ing the truth in Sapporo. Her place in the Sunday School is supplied by Kai-roku San, who has undertaken the work with gratifying enthusiasm.

Mrs. Van Petten's Sunday school, at Kanda, in operation nearly a year, has been quite a success. Her Bible class of women, whom she has taught with Miss Tendo as interpreter, are bright and attractive, and during extra services, held at Kanda church, in the early summer, some very interesting inquiry meetings for women brought in several new converts, and strengthened the faith of those already professing Christianity.

Miss Atkinson also has taught a Bible class in Tsukiji Sunday School, assisted by O To San, one of the most efficient of helpers. As many as sixteen have frequently attended this class, most of them mothers with babes on their backs, and Miss Atkinson has taken great comfort in being able to give instruction to the natives thus early in her missionary career.

Mrs. Van Petten and Miss Atkinson, upon whom devolves most of the English teaching in the school, devote their mornings to the study of the Japanese language. They occasionally make short trips to the country unaccompanied, except by one or two of the girls, to act as helpers. Thus separated from all English speaking associates, their progress in this difficult tongue is greatly facilitated. Such a journey is not free from sacrifice, but one is ready to resort to almost desperate measures to acquire Japanese, and these two indefatigable workers are advancing rapidly.

The Tokio Home takes its place as a school of the first rank in Japan. It is not an asylum, where orphans and those who have none to care for them are gathered in and provided for, but a training school for bright, intelligent girls, who have been subjected to a probation of three months before final admission, and selected with special reference to their education as Bible-women and teachers. Japanese and Chinese are taught in the morning session of the school, English in the afternoon. Study of the Bible is made the first duty of each day, and the older pupils are thoroughly instructed in Bible history and the doctrines of our Church. English, however, is not taught until a degree of proficiency in Chinese and Japanese is attained, and only twenty-four pupils were entered in the English department this year. A number have gone out from the school to become wives of Christians and of pastors of native churches, who are doing a good work in their homes, thus becoming the centres of far-extending circles of influence. The good accomplished by their Christian light beaming in the midst of heathen darkness cannot be over-estimated.

## YOKOHAMA.

### MISSIONARIES.

MISS E. J. BENTON.

MISS REBECCA WATSON.

The work of our Society in this field, embracing two schools (one at Furocho and the other at Kanagawa) and one Bible woman, was cared for during the three years and a half in which we had no representative there by the resident missionaries of the Parent Board, to whom we are under great



obligations. Mr. and Mrs. Correll never wearied in this direction, and then came Mrs. Draper, who with hands already filled with new duties and responsibilities yet found a place, or made one, for looking after these schools and accompanying the Bible woman to the Sunday school, putting in home methods of instruction, which proved as "leaven hidden in the measures of meal." Then Mr. Soper took charge, doing all in his power to make the most of it, at the same time urging the absolute necessity of sending help from home.

It is with great pleasure that we refer also to the interest of Miss Spencer, who took charge of the financial department, managing its affairs with promptness and skill. The associations gathering about the work in this station seeming to make it more than "common cause," for were not buried hopes to be transformed into brighter realizations, by the power of Him who is the "resurrection and the life!"

Miss Benton, one of the ladies secured for this field, was sent out in company with Miss Atkinson, whose destination was Tokio, with the understanding that if she entered upon her work in Yokohama, Miss Atkinson should remain with her until the second lady for whom provision had been made should arrive, or that Miss Benton should spend the winter in Tokio, giving undivided time and attention to acquiring the language. They arrived November 1, receiving a most cordial welcome from Mr. Davisson, who took them to his home, notifying the ladies at the Tokio "Home" of their arrival, who quickly responded in person. After careful, prayerful consultation and a review of the "situation," Miss Benton decided to remain where her future work was to be, which was heartily endorsed by the Superintendent and members of the Mission. She was received into the family of Mr. Davisson, and the room that had been occupied by Miss Higgins during her stay assigned her. She entered upon her work immediately, spending the morning hours in study and the afternoon in visiting the schools, where she soon commenced teaching the children to sing and sew. Both Mr. D. and his wife rendered her every service in their power, in both planning and executing what could be done without any knowledge whatever of the language. Shortly after she entered this new field a revival of religion commenced at the Bethel, and among the many saved were a large number of seamen from a steamer belonging to the U. S. Navy. By special invitation she attended the meetings, rendering valuable assistance, as well as securing for herself just the full preparation to render most efficient help in the wonderful work which followed, as the Spirit of the Lord moved on the whole Christian Church. We look upon the whole arrangement in reference to this matter as Divinely ordered.

As one result of this outpouring of the Holy Spirit, which Dr. Maclay writes "*is most marvelous*," several women have presented themselves for Bible training, which is a hopeful indication, as this feature of our work is the great demand at the present time. Referring to one of the members of her Bible class, a very intelligent woman and an earnest Christian, who, with her husband, had been baptized and received into the Church but recently, she says she visits among the people, and does a great deal of good as far as she is able, but

she has had no training whatever. She had been absent from the class for two or three Sabbaths, until the last time, when the subject was 'Prayer.' Miss Benton asked, 'Why do we pray?' She replied, 'Because we are sinners and need forgiveness of our sins.' 'Are we to cease praying after God has forgiven us?' 'No; Satan is busy all the time trying to make us sin, and we have to pray to overcome him.' Later, Miss B. inquired, 'Have any of your prayers ever been answered?' 'Yes; I have been sick, so that I could not come to the Bible class, and I wanted to have Him make me well, so that I might come, and He has.'"

Miss Watson, from the Western Branch, arrived June 6, and as the Home was in readiness for occupancy, they were, as a family, soon "settled," and Miss B. sends this pleasant message: "I am sure that Miss Watson and I were made to live together, and I hope we may be wonderfully blessed in our work. I expect it. 'Your labor is not in vain in the Lord.'"

The two schools are doing well, that at Furocho numbering at last report seventy-four pupils, and the one at Kanagawa sixty-seven. In the former there has been a most excellent second teacher, but feeling that God called him to the work of the ministry, he left to enter the Theological School at Tokio. Miss Benton writes: "He is an excellent young man, and while it means a noble Christian added to our *ministry*, it means a great loss to our school; but we are praying to Him whose the work is in all departments of our labor, to send us some one, and we expect He will most surely."

The children are thoroughly drilled in the Catechism, Ten Commandments, Apostles' Creed, etc. Their manner of reciting is something indescribable and almost deafening.

Mrs. Ninomya has started a weekly meeting among the women, which promises much good. At the second meeting there were nine women, all unconverted; and she was planning to do the same work in Kanagawa, which is a very wicked city, with no missionary work being done there, save what is done in our school. Our workers in this field have a pleasant home, and have grand opportunities for work, with waving fields *ripe* for the harvest. May the Master lead and assist in every effort, to His own honor and glory.

## HAKODATI.

### MISSIONARIES.

MISS MINNIE HAMPTON.

MISS F. N. HAMISFAR, M. D.

Work was commenced at this point in 1878 by Miss Priest. Despite sickness and many discouragements, a good beginning was made. Fire swept away the home, but could not destroy the brave spirit. Compelled by ill health, Miss Priest returned home, and Miss Woodworth and Miss Hampton were sent to carry on the work. Miss Woodworth's marriage left the burden a heavy one for one worker, but it has been carried most bravely. The buildings erected for home and school have proved entirely inadequate for the purpose, and Miss Hampton earnestly pleads for more room. With room for only eighteen board-

ers, she has applications from many who have to be turned away. She could easily find sixty pupils, were there room for their accommodation. Dr. Maclay writes a strong commendation of the work, and the absolute need of its enlargement. At Miss Hampton's request, Mr. Soper investigated the case, as she thought he might be present at the General Executive Meeting and present the claims of Hakodati. Failing to do this, he wrote the result of his examination of the two buildings, and plead effectually for better facilities for carrying on the school. He says: "Hakodati is called the 'eye of the north.' It is the center of trade for the Island of Yeso, as well as the northern part of the main island of the Empire. Great possibilities—commercially, politically and ecclesiastically—are wrapped up in this 'eye of the north.' The prejudices against woman's education are *fast* breaking down. The salvation of Japan draweth near, because woman is coming to be considered worth educating, even by the Japanese themselves. Now, something must be done to give your workers in Hakodati better facilities, and more room for carrying on the work already begun, and enlarging its 'borders.'

"The plan now is, and I think a very wise one, to make these *two* buildings, already erected, as nearly one as possible, by erecting another in the rear of the present buildings, uniting it to them, thus making a three-winged building with a court between facing three sides.

"If you grant this request, you will put your Hakodati work on the same satisfactory footing as that in Tokio and Nagasaki. Each should stand on its own merits—but, what is needed to make the Hakodati work a *real* success is room to grow. They ought to have facilities for educating fifty or sixty girls. After the desired building is put up, it will not cost much more—laying aside scholarships—to educate fifty or sixty girls, than twenty or thirty.

"Both the Missionaries at Hakodati—Brothers Squier and Green—and the Mission as a whole, approve of this item (\$5,000) in Miss Hampton's estimates. I hope you will see your way clear to grant this item."

## NAGASAKI.

### MISSIONARIES.

MISS E. RUSSELL,

MISS J. M. GHEER,

MISS EMMA EVERDING.

The story of another year in this most interesting field can best be introduced by the following letter from Dr. Maclay, Superintendent of the Japan Mission:

"Having recently returned from a visit of some weeks in Nagasaki I feel like writing you something in regard to the good work your Society is carrying on in that city.

"Nagasaki, as you are well aware, has been considered one of the most difficult fields which Protestant missionaries have entered in Japan. When your faithful missionaries, Misses Russell and Gheer, reached Nagasaki in 1879 they were unable to obtain even one pupil from the Japanese residents of the city; and persons whose experience and observation gave weight to their opin-

ions were not tardy in expressing the conviction that many years must pass before any Japanese in Nagasaki would consent to place a daughter in a Christian school. A period of less than four years has elapsed since your society initiated its work in Nagasaki. Out of the prosperous school thirty girls are from the city, and only lack of accommodation prevents the number from being twice as great. The influence of the school is felt throughout the whole island of Kiushiu, and there is no doubt it is destined to be one of the great moral forces by which the population of that classic island are to be evangelized. The building occupies a site which, for eligibility, excellent sanitary conditions and beauty of scenery is unsurpassed in Japan. The building itself is an ornament to Nagasaki—a most admirable edifice for your home and school, and an honor not only to the toilers in the home field, by whose self-denying efforts the necessary funds were collected, but also to the executive ability of your devoted missionaries in the field, by whose magic touch the offerings of the Lord's people have been transmuted into a structure, which, combining strength and adaptation, with refined, artistic taste, stands as a fitting representation of the self-sacrificing faith and charity to which the gospel elevates those who truly receive it. The interior arrangements, as to lecture-rooms, dormitories, rooms for teachers and kitchen appliances, are judicious and ample, leaving little to be desired. I can truly say your work in Nagasaki is an honor to the society and to all engaged in it. If prosecuted with the ability hitherto shown, it cannot fail to exert a most powerful influence in conquering Japan for Christ. Misses Russell and Gheer have accomplished wonders, but it is very evident they are overworked. They are taxed beyond their strength, and unless speedily relieved the consequences may injuriously affect the glorious work so auspiciously begun. Send them help at the earliest possible date."

Of the wonderful religious awakening, Miss Russell writes: "Last Sunday afternoon the missionaries met in our parlor for the third time within a week to pray for the outpouring of the Spirit. In the same hour, two girls were converted up stairs, and the same afternoon three students of the boys' school were converted at Brother Long's study. That memorable day brought eighteen applicants for baptism. At the evening service the interest became so great that a meeting was called for Monday night. On Monday the interest was such we had to suspend recitations. The girls had become so anxious about their souls that they were weeping and praying in their rooms—three found peace during the day. Similar meetings were held in the boys' school. In the evening the first mourner's bench was seen in Nagasaki. A number of the church members were seeking pardon. On Tuesday night forty-five persons were at the altar—twenty joining the church on probation. During Tuesday we had seven conversions in our school. Wednesday thirty were at the altar and five joined the church. Testimonies were given on Wednesday evening. One man had come from a distance expressly to learn of the Christian religion. He had been seeking peace in Buddhism and Shintooism for twenty-eight years. When he saw and heard the experiences of Christians here, he said that was just what he wanted, and he bowed for prayer. The Christians



in our school now number forty-four. There were but four Christians in Nagasaki when we came here, and they were not born here. Difficulties seemed insurmountable, but the Lord hath wrought wondrously.

Still later, June 14, Miss Russell writes: "Revival interest is still on the increase with us, and has spread to the boys' school and to the church. Fourteen more of our girls have been brought into the fold and hopefully converted.

"Several heads of families were converted during the extra services in the church through the past three weeks. One week the girls were so interested that part of the regular school exercises were out of the question. The same was true of the boys' school. One man, a very stable man, who has had two daughters in the school for some time, was also converted, with his wife. He asked us yesterday for the names of the parents of all the girls in the school. He says he must go tell them, and he is sure when they know what this Christian religion is they will embrace it.

"The Lord has put a new song into their mouths, and they want it should be heard. I have been astonished to see with what eagerness they run to tell their friends. A woman, whom Miss Gheer has been teaching, was converted about a week ago. She came the next day to tell how happy she was, and said she understood now what Miss Gheer had so often told her. Fourteen from the school and thirty-two other persons have joined the church within a month.

"We have had so many dark days in Nagasaki, but morning has dawned. We are all so thankful, and do praise the Lord for this precious work our eyes have been permitted to see."

A week before the September term opened, seventy-nine girls were registered. Miss Russell says: "It is a fearful responsibility to face the five million heathen of this island. Does the Church understand what it means to ask God for these souls? It means *praying, giving and going*. Were the force of the Parent Society trebled, and ours doubled, it would not meet the present demand." Miss Emma A. Everding, of Syracuse, New York, has been accepted by the Reference Committee, and, with the approval of the Parent Board, goes out to the help of these brave soldiers in this conflict with idolatry and sin. Another should be sent the coming year, that the advantage gained may be fully utilized.

## BULGARIA.

The last General Executive Committee ordered the purchase of the Loftcha Girls' Boarding School, and the sending of a lady to have care of the institution, already in successful operation under the management of Superintendent Challis. The Northwestern Branch found Miss Rebecca Watson, and arranged to send her to that work. It was intended to buy the school building, with the proceeds of the sale of property in Chicago, given to the Society by Mr. Philander Smith, of Oak Park, Ill., and make it a Memorial Home.

The Committee of Reference decided, however, to send Miss Watson to Yokohama. The providential guidance in that decision was indicated by the fact that in a short time after the decision was made, the Bulgarian Government closed the Loftcha school; and if Miss Watson had been sent to that country, she would have been left without the opportunity of teaching. Superintendent Challis made an appeal to the Committee of Reference, on behalf of the girls in the school, and asked that consent be telegraphed him to place them in the school of the American Board, at Samakof, till our school could be reopened. The Samakof school, being much older and more firmly established, was able to continue its work during the storm of persecution that closed ours.

At present the outlook is a little more hopeful. Superintendent Challis's last letter is as follows: .

"As you will learn by telegraph to the Mission Rooms, before this reaches you, we have succeeded at last. Our schools will all be open next week, if no unforeseen earthquake strands us again. The mighty power of God has wrought among the cabinets of Europe, so that in working their own plans, they have brought into power, in Bulgaria, the men who are friendly to us. Last Friday evening (Sept. 28) we received the following from the English Consul:

" 'Notify inspector that you intend to open your schools. If he raises objections, let me know.' "

"The inspector was notified Monday, and made no objections, but received the brethren politely, and gave a receipt for the notice. We are all very thankful to the Hand that has overruled for good all our troubles, in more ways than I can tell you of. The year has been full of trouble and excitement, without much accomplished in direct missionary work; but the thorough ventilation we have had has made us widely known, and promises to bring us increased patronage, as soon as we are able take care of a larger number. The other duties incumbent upon me, and the poor health of Mrs. Challis, make it impossible for me to properly direct the school and boarding departments without additional American help. Send a teacher at the earliest possible moment, as it is obvious that any further delay endangers the future of the work that has already cost so much trouble and expense."

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## ITALY.

During the year every effort that a watchful, eager enthusiasm for the evangelization of Italy could devise, has been put forth to find the ladies into whose hands could be given the grand work of establishing our Missions there, and relieving Mrs. Vernon of their care. Several applications have been considered, some quite promising, but all have failed.

Mrs. Vernon reports: "At Bologna the first Bible-woman withdrew from her work after the first three months of the year, being discouraged with the

difficulties of the field. Our pastor then employed two others, dividing the salary of one between them, but after three months' trial he dismissed them as incapable and untrustworthy. Since then no one has been found for the work." Dr. Vernon says, under date of October 10th :

"Allow me to renew, and *intensify*, my appeal for a well-selected Superintendent to be sent for the work here. Without this, in view of our necessarily limited attentions, the work here is liable to be gravely and unmeritedly *prejudiced* in the minds of our friends at home. Besides, your benefactions have not that vigorous and efficacious application and direction which they merit. These, your sweet-voiced sisters enlisted in the work, are good, bright women, some of them splendid. But it is a new husbandry to which they are called, and *amid a sea of difficulties and a tangle of obstacles*, such as your banner-bearers *nowhere* else encounter. *Mark that.* Is there such another polypus to hold fast its victims as the Papacy? These gentlewomen need counsel, guidance, inspiration, the encouraging presence at their side of the *general*, reminding them anon of the presence of the great Captain. Miss Querci, Mrs. Monta, Mrs. Cavalleris, Mrs. Stasio, Mrs. Stazi and Mrs. Conte—these especially—are royal, radiant women and Christians. They, one and all are doing what they know, what they find, they devise what they can, and they suffer because they cannot do more.

"Mrs. Cavalleris has recently led a whole family to Christ, the husband and father proprietor of a ribbon manufactory—a fact which may have vast importance for our cause in almost our most difficult station. Miss Querci, in her faithful work, encountered casually a young man, testifying to him of the gospel. She finally led him to Christ and the church, and he soon leads her to the altar—a thoroughly nice man, in good municipal employ. He has already taken his younger brother from the priest's school, where he was on his way to be a priest. He now regularly attends our church, and says, if his conversion becomes complete, he expects he will have to preach.

"Mrs. Monta, our Bible-woman at Turin, is an ardent, earnest worker, and is meeting with good success—perhaps I should say, unusual success. She has been the means of the conversion of a number of women, young and old. In her last monthly report she relates the case of a woman, who, after three or four months of patient laboring with, has become a sincere believer and joined our church in that place. She seems to have the persevering, plodding gift—follows up a case until she sees results. She is a simple-minded, native Christian woman, with comparatively little education, but she goes into her work with all her heart, and her labors are blessed of the Lord. The other Bible-women are all seeking to do what they can, with more or less apparent success. But we cannot believe their labors lost, for we have our Father's promise that His word shall not return unto Him void. In His good time, sooner or later, there will be a great harvest-day in Italy, when the sheaves shall be brought into the garner, with shouts of rejoicing."

## AFRICA.

The Parent Society has no white missionary at present in Africa, and its work has been greatly lessened in that country. The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society in that country has been represented there the last four years by Miss Mary Sharp, who has frequently expressed great dissatisfaction with the society, which has paid her the full amount of her salary up to November 30, 1883. Her work has been chiefly among the Kroo boys, who are of a race hitherto inaccessible, and of such unsettled and wandering proclivities that a permanent establishment among them has been impossible. The Parent Society having withdrawn its approval of Miss Sharp as a missionary of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, after consultation with the Bishop and missionary authorities of the church, she has been recalled. The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society still holds itself in readiness to follow whenever the Parent Society shall again enter or extend its operations in Africa, and prays for the time, when, with suitable and efficient workers, it may do something for the evangelization of that dark and difficult field.

## SOUTH AMERICA.

## ROSARIO.

## MISSIONARIES.

MISS J. M. CHAPIN, Rosario,	MISS LOU B. DENNING, Rosario,
" C. GUELFI, Montevideo.	" J. GOODENOUGH, Buenos Ayres.
MRS. L. B. TURNEY, Matron at Rosario.	

The report of our work in this field for 1881—82 was not particularly inspiring, as so many adverse circumstances had occurred in connection with it. The failure of the health of Mrs. Clemens necessitating her return home; Mrs. Turney's serious illness, induced by climatic influences and *overwork*; the enforced closing of the Home in early November, these, with the attendant ills consequent upon them, were disheartening.

Miss Goodenough, who had continued the school until the family was disbanded, secured a room that she might continue the instruction of a class of the pupils who desired to finish the school year without the loss of the last month.

Mrs. Turney spent four weeks in the country, and returned much improved in health, but it was not deemed advisable to attempt making any arrangements for the future, until word should be received from the General Executive Meeting.

Misses Chapin and Denning left Boston December 23d, arriving in Rosario February 9th, having had very rough, stormy weather, and a dangerous passage from Liverpool.

But a cordial welcome awaited them from foreign friends and patrons. Miss Chapin writes : " Some embraced us as if we had been their own children, returned after a long absence from home ; some wept for joy, and others expressed their gratitude that we had returned, that their daughters might again have the privilege of our school."

As the Society did not decide to increase the number of missionaries in this place, arrangements were made for Miss Goodenough's employment elsewhere. An opening as a teacher in a school in Cordova soon presented itself which she accepted, commencing her work there the last week in March, and continuing until July, when a most urgent appeal from the authorities of our church in Buenos Ayres, for her services in the Ragged School there, decided her to accept this work, and she went there and took charge of the *girls' department*, containing about eighty pupils. She is having good success and giving satisfaction.

As soon as our ladies arrived they entered upon the difficult task of procuring suitable accommodations for the school and family. Owing to the prosperous condition of the city commercially, scarcely a vacant house could be found, while many new buildings were rented as soon as commenced. They were under the necessity of taking a small house, commencing school the 5th of March with twenty pupils. The derangement of the whole work made the task of bringing back system and order no easy one, but with patience and persistency these workers have succeeded in regaining some of the ground which had been lost.

Under date of August 29th, Miss Chapin writes: " I have been trying to make a correct report of the state of the work here in Rosario for the last six months. We have secured a valuable piece of land as the site for our new home. The winter so far has been very wet, and hence not a favorable time for putting up the walls, but the fine weather of the last few days, and their increasing length, make us somewhat impatient to have the building going on. Our house is almost as full as we know how to have it. Indeed, when the last girl came we hardly knew where to put her, but if they come to us we dare not say, ' We cannot have you.' Three girls sleep in a room too small to admit any article of furniture but their beds. The number of day scholars slowly increases. We have now forty pupils. With all the increasing business and commerce of the city there is very great need of evangelistic work. At present there is a mighty conflict going on here between the ' Jesuits ' and the so-called ' Liberals ' The power of the priests is broken; they can never again rule as heretofore; but of course they will hold on to their cause until every hope is dispelled. The girls in the house are doing well; we can see improvement in all. A number are really trying to serve the Lord Jesus. Besides daily family prayer, we have a prayer meeting Sunday evening, and also on Wednesday evening, in which all pray. The girls are learning to do all kinds of work about the house, and also to take care of their own clothes. All the cooking for the family is done in the house. Mrs. Turney is a good Christian woman. The girls *love her*, and she is kind and gentle, exerting a good influence over



them. We hope to hear soon that work has been commenced on the new Home and is being pushed forward to its completion, that the conditions may be as favorable as possible for the growth and permanency of this work, which is not to be a failure. Let importunate prayer be made for our missionaries here, none of whom are very strong physically; for the *girls* under training in the Home; for the school, that it may be as a light in the midst of the darkness; and for the mighty outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon all the efforts put forth to assist in hastening the time when this whole land, now fast bound in error's chains, shall become the inheritance of our Immanuel."

### MONTEVIDEO.

Miss Guelfi's schools continue to be a great success. In a letter dated in June she says: "The number of pupils now upon my list is 159. Each one is admitted by the payment of fifty cents, although I receive those who are not able to contribute the above named sum. I do this because, generally, the parents are able to pay this small sum, and because I think that some day these schools may become self-supporting, and your generous means be used in some other place, to bring more souls to the knowledge and love of the Gospel for the glory of God. As regards what is taught in the schools—we teach religion and morals, reading and writing, drawing, grammar, composition, arithmetic, geometry, geography, history of the Republic, universal history, natural history, physiology, hygiene, object lessons, gymnastics, sewing and embroidery. The religious part we lay much stress upon, because God has commanded us to bring souls into His kingdom. The pupils commit to memory passages from the Bible, receiving afterward from each teacher explanations of the same, and we also require them to attend to other religious exercises. This year I resolved that the pupils should put into practice the command of God, 'Do good to your fellow creatures,' so that once in two weeks they come together to sew for poor children. I also have a monthly prayer meeting of all the teachers together, to ask Him to help us in the work, which, thanks be unto Him, we are carrying successfully forward, and to give us each more courage to go on working with more earnest faith in His vineyard for the good of the children of Uruguay. As regards myself—since the first moment that I heard the sound of the Gospel, its blessed light entered my soul, giving me to know that I had a loving Savior, full of mercy toward sinners, who, by the sacrifice He made upon the cross to redeem them from death, might thereby be saved. I love Him and trust in Him, and feel that He loves me, though I am so unworthy of all His goodness. Pray for me, that I may increase each day in gratitude to Him, and that the comforting hope which I cherish, of one day seeing Him in the heavenly country, may not grow dim, and that I may there with His other loved ones sing praises to the most High."

Surely the schools under charge of this devoted Christian woman must be an active agency in disseminating evangelical Christianity in the capital of this important Republic; not alone among the children who attend them, but in the families patronizing them.

Rev. T. B. Wood says : " I ordered the opening of a third school of the same grade as the other two, and distributed Miss Guelfi's force among the three lower grade schools. The staff of assistants in these are now all pupils of Miss Guelfi's, and carry on the work after her methods and under her constant direction and co-operation.

"The new school (like the other two) is in a densely populated ward, and is attached to one of our branch preaching places and Sunday schools. The excellent results obtained in both the other similar centers show this to be an eminently desirable move. The three schools now count one hundred and forty scholars. Average attendance, about one hundred and ten.

"The time has come when the system could be greatly extended with *very great* advantage, and without great increase of expense.

"The experience thus far obtained shows solid ground of reliance as to what may be accomplished by starting new day schools in the other points where the gospel work is centered. There are now *three such points* calling for the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society's help. Miss Guelfi is capable of managing the system of six schools, once in operation. I will answer for their installation and organization. I earnestly hope this may be found possible, and accordingly estimate for *six schools* in 1884."

## MEXICO.

### MISSIONARIES.

MISS MARY HASTINGS, Pachuca,	MISS N. HUGOBOOM, City of Mexico,
" S. M. WARNER, Puebla,	" M. F. SWANEY, Queretaro,
MISS CLARA MULLINER, City of Mexico.	

The Orphanage in the City of Mexico commenced the year with thirty girls in the house and thirteen day scholars. At present fifty scholars find their home beneath its roof, and more applications are made than can be accommodated. Early in the year Miss Hugoboom was sent to assist Miss Mulliner in her charge, and arrived in Mexico City February 6th. As soon as possible she commenced the study of the language, which she pursued most assiduously until her eyes became very seriously affected ; also the climate has had a very unfavorable effect upon her general health. She has been much impressed with the degradation and loose morality of the common people, which seem to her the natural results of their religious superstitions. One fact is given as an instance of this—the fees exacted for the ceremonial of marriage are so exorbitant as to place the religious rite entirely beyond the means of great numbers of the people, who content themselves with the civil ceremony, notwithstanding their church acknowledges only that performed by its own priests.

In February, one of the oldest girls in the Orphanage was married to the son of one of the native preachers, and went to the Indian village where her father-in-law was preaching, to engage in the work of the church and school. Miss Mulliner, who for five years has taught and managed in the Orphanage, is expected to return home in November.

In *Pachuca* Miss Hastings and Miss Elliott have been teaching during the year until the first of October, when Miss Elliott left to make preparations for her marriage. Miss Hastings has had good progress in her school. The older girls, who have been with her several years, give much assistance in teaching, and in some instances have gone out to take charge of schools in neglected districts. There have been 100 girls on the school roll at *Pachuca*, as well as some boys, whose presence seemed to Miss Hastings to be necessitated by the closing of the boys' school in the work of the Parent Board. Cottage meetings, in both English and Spanish, have been held in the Mission Home and in some private houses, and persecution has been aroused that deters many from attending these meetings. Still the seed is being sown that in a future generation may bear fruit in Christian liberty and the knowledge of gospel truth in every Mexican home.

The school at *Puebla*, under Miss Warner's skillful management, has steadily increased in numbers and importance, and now numbers thirty-seven pupils. Much of the prejudice and opposition has disappeared under the persistency and tact with which this field has been held. An assistant teacher, Miss Orillez, has been employed, so the work has grown beyond the possibilities of one teacher.

Only four Protestant families are represented in this school, and to attempt too much would result in the loss of everything. The Bible woman, Mrs. Lozada, has made from twenty-eight to thirty-five visits per month, and distributed fourteen Testaments, seventy-seven Gospels, fifteen copies of the Psalms, and six hundred and sixty-two tracts. Mr. and Mrs. Lozada are now in charge of the Home at the Boys' Orphanage, Mrs. Lozada acting as matron. But this does not in the least interfere with her visits as Bible woman, and her husband accompanies her to distant parts of the city, so that she reaches places where she could not conveniently go alone. Her visits help to keep up the church attendance, for the Mexicans who are even members of the church have very little idea of the duties of such a relation, and need to be constantly visited and instructed.

*Miraflores* has a school of seventy-five girls, who, besides the ordinary branches of learning, are taught the Bible and Catechism, and some of them recite the latter from end to end perfectly. They become very proficient in needle-work, and have made good progress in geography. The school is taught by a young Indian woman, who is a credit and honor to our mission.

The recent death of a little English girl, of wealthy family, in *Miraflores*, was made the occasion of impressive services in the Methodist Church, where her parents had been worshipping. Three-fourths of those attending the funeral were Roman Catholics, who had never before been in a Protestant church. They listened with great interest and apparent sympathy to the incidents of her illness, for she was a religious child, and had been fond of learning verses of Scripture, which she frequently repeated in the lucid intervals of her sickness.

Three years ago, in *Ayapango*, six young Indian women were learning the A, B, C's in a little square room in a mud house. Now there are thirty girls

in the school, and one of the first six has made such advancement that at present she is in charge of the primary department. This progress is noticeable because it has taken place in the midst of a bigoted Catholic region. There is great need of new school houses in both Miraflores and Ayapango.

The work among the women in the City of Mexico is very encouraging. There is a Woman's Aid Society that receives no help from the Society at home, and has taken in weekly dues and concerts this year the sum of \$266.65, meeting all its expenses and leaving a balance of \$39.59 to commence the new year.

The same touching self-denials that always characterize the lives of those who receive Christ are found here also. One aged lady, with a small income and a family of five or six, gave \$30 toward the missionary collection last month, and at times gives quietly small sums for the very poor of the society.

The Bible class averages forty-five women, who have been surrounded and imbued with the doctrines and superstitions of Catholicism up to within a few years, and some a few months. They quickly comprehend the spirituality of Gospel teaching. Those who cannot read come prepared with some Scripture promise which they have had some one teach them during the week. God is wonderfully blessing the efforts in this field, which is in the charge of Mrs. Sara A. Butler.

The new work in Mexico, for which appropriations were made last November, was put into operation soon after the beginning of the year. Miss Swaney took charge of the school at Queretaro. This is the capital of the State of the same name, and is on the line of the Central Railroad. Twice, at least, attempts have been made to drive missionaries from the city, and at the time of Miss Swaney's last letter, the feeling against Protestantism was rising, and being inflamed by proclamations and sermons in the churches. Very recent daily news tells us that a mob did actually break out, and some little violence was done, but it was promptly subdued by the Government. Twelve girls have been enrolled in the school since its commencement, though but eight are in attendance at present. Six of these are from families in the church, and four of those who came at first were withdrawn, from religious scruples. After some difficulty a Bible woman has been secured, who had formerly been in Mexico City, and is a member of the church. Where she can gain an entrance, she reads the Scriptures, distributes tracts, and invites the people to attend the services at the church; but, as her object becomes known, many doors close upon her, for persecution is sure to follow those who allow the visits of Protestants.

In the Mission started at Leon, under the care of Mrs. Kemble, a woman and her daughter were engaged to visit as Bible women, but there was so little access to the people that their visits were soon discontinued. Afterward it was thought best to open a school, and the Mexican preacher became the teacher, assisted by Joseph Rocha, who teaches sewing, and also instructs the children in the Sabbath school.

Mrs. Craver reports the work progressing in Guanajuato, though no suitable Bible woman having been found, the funds appropriated for that purpose were used for tracts and religious literature, with good results. The school

teacher, Ramouna Cabrera, is developing into a good worker, sometimes leads the woman's meeting, and has the woman's class in Sunday school. She seems to be entering into an experimental knowledge of the Gospel. Her mother, who was a very fanatical Romanist, is now a member on probation, in the Methodist church, and the change is due, in great part, to the influence of Ramouna. Seventeen girls are in the school, and several of them are good students, and give promise of becoming teachers. Two or three of these would like to enter the advanced classes of the Orphanage, in order to fit themselves for teaching, if any provision could be made for them, as they are too poor to assume this responsibility themselves. There are four regular preaching places on the Guanajuato circuit, and the preacher in charge lives thirteen miles from the town; and Mrs. Craver is prevented by the distance from having the oversight of the woman's work, that she thinks is important.

The school in Orizaba, under Mrs. Umpleby's care, opened in February with but three pupils. The number, however, increased, until now seventeen names are enrolled. The religious fanaticism, so often excited against Protestants, seems abating from year to year, but the frequent change of teachers in the school has weakened the confidence of the people in the permanency of the work. At present the school is taught by Irene Loza, the sister of the native preacher. She seems to be qualified for her work, is thoroughly good, and possesses tact both in governing and teaching, and the children are rapidly advancing under her care.

Slowly but steadfastly the dawn of religious liberty is breaking on Mexico. Discouragements but check a too rapid development, that might be more brilliant than strong. Let us pray for this neighbor so near our own doors, that the Holy Spirit shall brood upon its darkness, and bring light and everlasting life to its people.

### FOREIGN SUMMARY.

	Missionaries.	Assistants.	Med. workers and B. women.	Teachers.	Day Schools.	Scholars.	Board'g Sch'l pupils.	Zenanas vis- ited.	Women un- der instruc'n.	Orphans.	Immat's Home for Friendless	Hospitals and Dispensaries.	Women treated.	Prescriptions given.
India .....	17	18	118	117	149	3,119	753	1,600	1,092	301	38	4	10,860	120,602
China .....	12	....	11	24	24	230	76	....	43	....	....	4	12,364	35,547
Japan .....	10	....	5	3	3	182	168	....	22	....	....	....	....	....
S. America	4	1	....	4	4	220	40	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Mexico .....	5	3	6	9	9	304	20	....	45	30	....	....	....	....
Bulgaria...	..	....	....	2	1	23	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Italy .....	..	....	8	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
	48	22	148	189	189	4,078	1,057	1,600	1,104	331	38	8	23,224	156,149



## TREASURERS IN THE FOREIGN FIELD.

TREASURER.	ADDRESS.	ROUTE.	MAILS LEAVE.	POST'GE.	NEWSPA'R POSTAGE.
Miss L. E. Blackmar...	Lucknow, India.....	Via Brindisi.....	England, every Friday	5c ½ oz.	2c ea. 4 Oz.
" S. Trask, M.D.	Foochow, China ..	" San Francisco	San Francisco, 1st & 15th ea. mo.	5c	2c
" A. B. Sears ..	Peking, "	" "	" " "	5c	2c
" Gertrude Howe ..	Kiu Kiang, "	" "	" " "	5c	2c
" Frances Wheeler.	Chung King, China.....	" "	" " "	5c	2c
" M. J. Holbrook ..	Tokio, Japan, 14 Akas-hi-cho	" "	" " "	5c	2c
" M. Hampton .....	Hakodati, Japan .....	" "	" " "	5c	2c
" E. Russell ..	Nagasaki, "	" "	" " "	5c	2c
" E. J. Benton .....	Yokohama, "	" "	" " "	5c	2c
Mrs. Rev. L. M. Vernon	126 Via Sistina, Rome, Italy	" England.....	New York, daily .....	5c	2c
Rev. D. C. Challis.....	Troian, Bulgaria.....	" "	New York, weekly .....	5c	2c
Rev. T. B. Wood.....	Montevideo, So. America..	" "	New York, 3d of each month..	5c	2c
Miss J. M. Chapin.....	Rosario, "	" "	Boston and New York, daily..	5c	2c
" Hugoboom .....	City of Mexico .....	" "	By steamship, N. Y., ev. Thurs.	5c	2c
" Mary Hastings.....	Pachuca, Mexico.....	" "	" " "	5c	2c

## RECEIPTS OF SOCIETY SINCE ITS ORGANIZATION.

From March, 1869, to April, 1870.....	\$4,546 86
" April 1, 1870, to April 1, 1871.....	22,397 99
" " 1871, to " 1872.....	44,477 46
" " 1872, to " 1873.....	54,834 87
" " 1873, to " 1874.....	64,309 25
" " 1874, to " 1875.....	61,492 19
" " 1875, to Feb'y 10, 1876.....	55,276 06
" Feb'y 10, 1876, to " 1877.....	72,464 30
" " 1877, to " 1878.....	68,063 52
" " 1878, to " 1879.....	66,843 69
" " 1879, to " 1880.....	76,276 43
" " 1880, to " 1881.....	107,932 45
" " 1881, to Oct. 1, 1882.....	195,678 50
" Oct. 1, 1882, to " 1883.....	126,823 33

Total receipts from March, 1869, to October 1, 1883. \$1,019,418 90

## MISSIONARIES OF WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

APPOINT	MISSIONARIES.	POSTOFFICE ADDRESS.	BRANCHES.	FORMER RESIDENCE.
1869	Miss Isabella Thoburn	Lucknow, India	Cincinnati	St. Clairsville, Ohio.
1869	Clara A. Swain, M.D.	Bareilly, "	New England	Castile, N. Y.
1870	Fannie J. Sparkes	"	New York	Binghamton, N. Y.
1878	Beulah Woolston	Leave granted.	Baltimore	Trenton, N. J.
1878	Sarah Woolston	"	Northwestern	"
1872	Gertrude Howe	"	"	Lansing, Michigan.
1872	Lucy H. Hoag	Chin-kiang, China	New York	Ann Arbor, Mich.
1872	Lou E. Blackmar	Lucknow, India	Western	West Springfield, Pa.
1874	Susan M. Warner	Puebla, Mexico	Cincinnati	New Orleans, La.
1874	Mary Hastings	Pachuca, "	New York	Blanford, Mass.
1874	Jennie M. Chapin	Ro-ario, South America	New England	Chicopee, Mass.
1874	Lou B. Denning	"	Northwestern	Normal, Illinois.
1874	Sigourney Trask, M.D.	Foochow, China	New York	Spring Creek, Pa.
1877	Leonora Howard, M.D.	Tientsin, "	Northwestern	Grand Rapids, Mich.
1878	Mary F. Swaney	Queretaro, Mexico	Baltimore	New Brighton, Pa.
1878	Julia A. Sparr, M.D.	Foochow, China	Northwestern	Muncie, Indiana.
1878	S. A. Easton	Cawnpore, India	Cincinnati	Washington, D.C.
1878	Matilda A. Spencer	Home on leave	Philadelphia	Germantown, Pa.
1878	M. J. Holbrook	Tokio, Japan	Cincinnati	Baltimore, Maryland.
1878	Eugenia Gibson	Home on leave	New York	Albany, N. Y.
1878	M. E. Layton	Calcutta, India	Baltimore	Wilmington, Del.
1878	M. A. Priest	Home on leave	New York	Auburn, N. Y.
1878	Clara Mulliner	City of Mexico, Mexico	New York	Camden, N. J.
1878	Clara M. Cushman	Tientsin, China	New England	Fishersville, N. H.
1878	Cecelia Guelfi	Montevideo, South America	Northwestern	Montevideo, S. A.
1879	Elizabeth Russell	Nagasaki, Japan	Cincinnati	Keyser, West Va.
1879	Jennie M. Gheer	"	New York	Altoona, Pa.
1879	Katie C. Bushnell, M.D.	Home on leave	Northwestern	Evanson, Illinois.
1879	"	"	Philadelphia	Lansing, Mich.

APPOINTED	MISSIONARIES.	POSTOFFICE ADDRESS.	BRANCHES.	FORMER RESIDENCE.
1879	Mrs. E. J. M. Clemens	Home on leave	Northwestern	Metropolis, Illinois.
1880	Miss Julia E. Goodenough	Buenos Ayres, South America.	New England	Flint, Michigan.
1880	" Luella Kelley	Bareilly, India	Baltimore	Baltimore, Maryland.
1880	" Florence E. Nickerson	Peking, " "	Cincinnati	Clyde, Ohio.
1880	" Annie B. Sears	Peking, China.	"	Bucyrus, Ohio.
1880	" Annie Budden	Pithorogarth, India.	Western	India.
1880	" Elizabeth Yates	Peking, China	New England	Maine.
1881	" Ella Gilchrist, M.D.	Home on leave	Western	Chicago, Illinois.
1881	" Minnie Hampton	Hakodati, Japan	New York	New York.
1881	Mrs. Carrie Van Petten	Tokio.	Northwestern	Albion, Michigan.
1881	Miss Ellen Warner	Rangoon, Burmah.	Cincinnati	Berea, Ohio.
1881	" Emma L. Knowles	Naim Tal, India	New England	Newark, New Jersey.
1881	" Harriet Kerr	Bareilly, " "	Philadelphia	Ann Arbor, Mich.
1881	" Phæbe Rowe	Bijnour, " "	Northwestern	India.
1881	" Frances J. Wheeler	Chung King, China	"	Chicago, Illinois.
1882	" Anna P. Atkinson	Tientsin,	New England	Bath, Maine.
1882	" Emma J. Benton	Tokto, Japan	New York	Cazenovia, N. Y.
1882	" Esther J. De Vine	Yokohama, Japan	New England	Niantic, Connecticut.
1883	" Marian Hugoboom	Moradabad, India	Cincinnati	Marietta, Ohio.
1883	Mrs. Charlotte M. Jewell	City of Mexico	Philadelphia	Bradford, Penn.
1883	Miss Rebecca J. Watson	Peking, China.	New York	Fort Jones, Cal.
1883	" Laura Hyde, M.D.	Yokohama, Japan	Northwestern	Clifton Springs, N. Y.
1883	" Mary McKesson	Bareilly, India	New York	Berea, Ohio.
1883	" Emma J. Everding	Rangoon, Burmah.	Western	Syracuse, N. Y.
1883	" Florence N. Hamistar, M.D.	Nagasaki, Japan.	Baltimore	Oswego, Kansas.
		Hakodati, " "	Western	

MISSIONARIES OF WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY—Continued.

UNDER APPOINTMENT.		NOW SUPPORTED BY	
APPOINTMENT	MISSIONARIES FORMERLY EMPLOYED.	POSTOFFICE ADDRESS.	
Miss Margaret Hedrick	Miss Carrie McMillan	Mrs. Rev. P. M. Buck, Shaichanpore, India.	New York—Marionville, Ind.
" Hettie Mansell	" Maria Brown	" Rev. G. R. Davis, Peking, China.	Cincinnati—Delaware, Ohio.
" Rebecca Green	" Jennie Tinsley	" Rev. J. W. Waugh, Evanston, Illinois.	New York—Fredonia, New York.
" L. Le Huray	" S. F. Leming (Mrs. Shepherd)	Health failed. Returned to U. S. May, 1874.	New York—New Jersey.
" Lizzie Fisher	" Nannie Monelle, M. D.	Mrs. H. Mansell, India.	Cincinnati—London, Ohio.
" Catharine Cory, M. D.	" Lucinda L. Coombs, M. D.	" Rev. A. Strittmater, Ironton, Ohio.	New York—Michigan.
	" Letitia Mason, M. D.	Health failed. Returned to U. S. Aug., 1876	
	" Anna Julia Lore.	Mrs. Rev. G. H. McGrew, Cawnpore, India	
	" D. E. Schoonmaker	" Dora S. Soper, Chicago, Illinois	
	" Mary F. Cary	" Frank Davis, Secunderabad, India.	
	" Olive Whiting	" Rev. C. Bishop, Tokio, Japan.	
	" L. M. Pultz	Health failed. Returned 1877	
	" Nettie C. Ogden	Santiago, South America.	
	" M. L. Porter	Mrs. Rev. Gamewell, Peking, China.	
	" Margaret Elliott	Married in 1883	
	" Kate Woodworth.	Married in 1883	
	" E. I. Hoy	Mrs. Lawson, India	
	" Mary Sharp	Recalled	
	" Letitia A. Campbell		
	" Susan B. Higgins.		
	" Lucilla H. Green, M. D.		
	" Emma Michener		



## REPORT OF HOME WORK.

### NEW ENGLAND BRANCH.

Includes East Maine, Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, New England, New England Southern, with portions of Troy, New York and New York East Conferences, with headquarters at Boston.

#### OFFICERS.

<i>President</i> .....	MRS. WM. F. WARREN, 329 Broadway, Cambridgeport, Mass.
<i>Cor. Secretary</i> ..	" M. P. ALDERMAN.....Hyde Park, "
<i>Rec. Secretary</i> ..	MISS A. D. FAIRFIELD.....Malden, "
<i>Treasurer</i> .....	MRS. J. P. MAGEE....." "

#### CONFERENCE SECRETARIES.

<i>East Maine</i> .....	MRS. M. L. CURTIS.....Bangor, Maine.
<i>Maine</i> .....	" H. J. LEAVITT.....Gorham, "
<i>New Hampshire</i> ..	" G. J. JUDKINS.....S. New Market, N. H.
<i>Vermont</i> .....	" J. W. GUERNSEY.....Rutland, Vt.
<i>New England</i> .....	" D. DORCHESTER.....Natick, Mass.
<i>N. Eng. Southern</i>	" J. H. JAMES.....Danielsonville, Conn.
<i>N. Y. E., (frac.)</i> ..	" A. LOWREY.....57 S. Tenth St., Brooklyn, N. Y.
<i>N. Y., (frac.)</i> ...	" K. CHANDLER.....Ocean Grove, N. Y.
<i>Troy,</i> " " "	J. HILLMAN.....Troy, N. Y.

Accepting the statement made by a missionary not long since, "one-fourth of the whole human family are women without a knowledge of Jesus," we see the infinite need to be supplied, the millions to be fed, and as we listen to His voice of command, "Give ye them to eat," and then turn and look at what we, in our weakness, have tried to do, at the offerings we have brought, we instinctively exclaim, "What are these among so many?" But when we remember that it was the MASTER'S BLESSING on the loaves and fishes that enabled the disciples to feed the hungry multitude, our hearts leap for joy, for He who is "the same yesterday, to-day and forever," can multiply all the seed sown, whether it has been done in strength or weakness, in wisdom or foolishness, in sunshine or storm, in light or darkness, with smiles or tears. As New England Branch responds to-day to the annual roll-call, it is with thanksgiving and gratitude, desiring to "give unto the Lord the glory due unto His name," for "He hath put gladness into our hearts," and "hath not withholden the request of our lips."

In summing up our record, we are confident that our greatest advances and largest results are not to be estimated by any earth born mathematical calculation, but are to be found in the enlarging of many hearts, and the beautifying

of many lives, thrilled and energized by personal contact with Him for whom they render devotion and service in this work of extending an invitation to our famishing, starving sisters, world-wide, to eat of the "Bread of Life," that they may live forever. The impress of His own hand is visible; the dew of His benediction has imparted life; buried talents have been resurrected, and the fragrance of sanctified hearts, consecrated lives, and cheerful offerings, have ascended to Him with whom is the record.

Our Conference and District Secretaries, while earnest and faithful in self-denying labors for the growth of our work, have by no means been able to enter all the "open doors." They are not women of *one* work and one "idea," but women who realize that we live in a world full of work—work in the church, the Sabbath school, in temperance and moral reform, as well as at home—work everywhere, with no time or place for an idle power, and the state of our home work bears evidence of their fidelity, their reports indicating success and *growth*.

A few auxiliaries have suspended, while many have taken on new life, resolved "to die no more," and thirty-four new ones have been organized. Several mission bands have been formed, which are not included in this number, being considered a part of the existing auxiliary.

This department of our work is increasingly popular and prosperous. In some churches, where we have had no auxiliary, the inquiry comes, "Can we not form a mission band?"

The "uniform readings" are gradually coming into use, and, through them, a greater desire for missionary intelligence has been awakened.

District Conventions are becoming more general, and promise much towards unifying, as well as developing the best plans for carrying on the work, so that it shall accomplish most as a mighty agency at home as well as in heathen lands.

At a score or more of the camp meetings held within our territory, also at each of the annual Conferences, interesting and profitable anniversaries have been holden. The presence of our returned missionaries, Mr. and Mrs. Parker, Mr. and Mrs. Mudge, Mrs. Hoskins and Miss Gibson, at some of these gatherings, with their words of experience and appeal, has done much to awaken and intensify missionary spirit among us.

Forty-five thousand pages of leaflets have been scattered, and we acknowledge our great indebtedness to these little messengers, so helpful in our work.

Four hundred Annual Reports of the Society, and twelve hundred of the New England Branch, have gone forth on their mission, disseminating just such information as is useful to make our workers intelligent on the basis of "demand and supply."

We are very sorry not to be able to report a larger addition to the circulation of the "Friend." With the increase of interest and auxiliaries we have only ninety-five more subscribers than last year.

Mite Boxes have been quietly doing their work in the families, five hundred and seventy-four having been added to the number during the year.

The "Memorial Home in Yokohama," the purchase of which was assumed last year, has been transferred to our Society, the entire amount required as purchase money having been paid, and about one hundred dollars appropriated from special contributions for furnishing the Home.

As a Branch, we "make haste more slowly" than do some of our sisters, and lack some of the stirring enthusiasm and intense earnestness which characterize the dwellers upon less sterile soil and rigorous climate; and yet, with firm and steady hand, we mean to plant our colors on every mountain top and hill side, in every village and hamlet, beside every rolling river and stream, in the towns and cities that dot our ocean coast—everywhere—with motto gleaming in letters of living light—

"The whole wide world for Jesus!  
We'll wing the song with prayer,  
And link the prayer with labor,  
Till Christ His crown shall wear."

### STATISTICS.

#### HOME.

Auxiliaries.....	379
Members.....	9,604
Life Members.....	60 new ones 803
Honorary Managers.....	2 " 32
Honorary Patrons.....	10
Conference Secretaries.....	9
District Secretaries.....	33
Pages of Leaflets.....	45,064
Annual Reports of W. F. M. S. ....	400
Annual Reports of New England Branch.....	1,200
Mite Boxes.....	561
Subscribers to H. W. F. ....	3,149

#### FOREIGN.

Missionaries.....	7
Assistants.....	2
Medical Assistants.....	3
Matrons.....	3
Bible Women.....	32
Pupils in Christ'an Girls' Boarding Schools.....	07
Scholarships.....	37
Orphans.....	36

### TREASURER'S REPORT.

October 1, 1882—Balance in treasury.....	\$ 3,920 28
Receipts from October 1, 1882, to October 1, 1883.....	18,642 06
Total.....	\$22,568 34
Disbursements.....	\$19,091 01
Balance on hand.....	3,477 33
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## AMOUNTS BY CONFERENCES.

East Maine Conference.....	\$ 245 30
Maine Conference.....	1,011 91
New Hampshire Conference.....	1,746 97
Vermont Conference.....	1,923 93
Troy Conference.....	182 17
New England Conference.....	6,026 73
New England Southern Conference.....	2,324 32
New York Eastern and Western Conferences.....	1,623 00
Total.....	\$15,084 33

## BEQUESTS.

Legacies.....	\$ 757 00
Special Donations.....	1,000 00
For Memorial Home and Furnishing.....	1,093 14

## NEW YORK BRANCH.

Includes New York and New Jersey, with headquarters at New York City.

## OFFICERS.

<i>President</i> .....	MRS. JOS. A. WRIGHT, 452 Lexington ave., New York.
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<i>Treasurer</i> .....	“ J. M. CORNELL, 141 Centre street, New York.

## CONFERENCE SECRETARIES.

<i>N. Y. Conference</i> .....	MRS. KENNARD CHANDLER, ...	Ocean Grove, N. J.
<i>New York East</i> .....	“ A. LOWREY, ...	57 South 10th st., Brooklyn, L. I.
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<i>Central N. Y.</i> .....	“ S. B. ROBINSON, ...	Clyde, N. Y.
<i>Northern N. Y.</i> .....	“ GEORGE GOODIER, 83 E. Eighth st., Oswego, “	
<i>Genesee</i> .....	“ { F. G. HIBBARD, ...	Clifton Springs, “
	“ { J. T. GRACEY, ...	3 Perkins st., Rochester, “
<i>Erie Conference</i> .....	“ J. A. KUMMER, ...	Fredonia, “
<i>Wyoming Confer.</i> .....	“ D. C. OLMSHEAD, ...	Oneonta, “
<i>Newark</i> .....	“ J. H. KNOWLES, ...	Newark, N. J.
<i>New Jersey</i> .....	“ R. T. LOVE, ...	Summit, “

The New York Branch comprises twelve Conferences and parts of Conferences, ten in New York State and two in New Jersey. To systematize and plan the work in these Conferences so that every Church may be represented by an auxiliary, and each woman in the Church brought into sympathy with the cause of Foreign Missions, is the great effort of the home workers. The appropriations and pledges to the foreign field are made upon the basis of the auxiliary collections, and if any of these fail our capital is weakened, and our work must be contracted. To prevent these failures involves large correspond-

ence and much watchfulness, lest an enemy sow tares, or some new enterprise be presented, and the Societies be superseded by some more tangible object, or one requiring less sacrifice and appealing more to selfishness and personal gratification. Notwithstanding the constant labor and effort, the past year has not been without such discouragements, and many others which are common to all Christian work. We have, we think, however, in this Branch, a more intelligent interest in the cause of Foreign Missions, and a growing conviction of duty. The work is better systematized; the money more regularly collected and paid to the Branch Treasurer, to meet the quarterly payments. These indications of life and growth have been largely helped by the indefatigable labors of Conference and District Secretaries, in distributing the leaflets and circulating the *Heathen Woman's Friend* and other publications, increasing the knowledge and intelligence of the people.

The Conference and camp-meeting anniversaries and the District meetings are centres of power, spreading strength and enthusiasm throughout the Branch. The spirit of God has been powerfully manifested in these meetings, reviving and stimulating the workers and confirming the conviction that the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society has the favor and approbation of our all-wise Father. The work among the young is perhaps the most noticeable and encouraging feature of the work in the past year. This is seen in the organization of young volunteers, "Mission Band" circles, "Young Harvesters," and other significant names that come to us from various points, showing the tendency of the work in this direction. We believe our efforts in the future must look more largely to the cultivation of missionary interest in our schools and seminaries, developing in the minds and hearts of our daughters a conviction of responsibility for and sympathy with those who, less favored than themselves, must receive the Bread of Life through them. This we believe is the only remedy for the lack of efficient persons to fill the vacant places in the foreign field, and to prevent the recurrence of the present emergency.

We deeply regret that the New York Branch has only been able to supply three ladies to the foreign field during the year. Mrs. Jewell sailed last September for Peking, China, and is taking up her work with a conviction that she is in her right place. Miss Hyde sailed October 20th for India, to take the medical work. She counted it all joy to be permitted to have a place in that mission, and was willing to take any place to which she might be assigned. Miss Everding, of Syracuse, we have reluctantly transferred to the Baltimore Branch, to fill an important place in Japan requiring immediate help. While we thank the Master for these three, and pray for blessings multiplied upon them, we regret that our pledge of four ladies during the year has not been met.

It would be impossible to give a detailed account of the foreign work without trespassing upon the reports of official correspondents, who will be able to occupy more time, and to whom has been assigned the duty of reporting the foreign work.



## STATISTICS.

## HOME.

Auxiliaries .....	570	Increase	61
Members.....	19,469	"	1,115
Life Patrons .....	11	"	1
Life Managers .....	55	"	6
Life Members .....	908	"	101
Subscribers to H. W. F. ....			2,992
Mite Boxes .....			1,551

## FOREIGN.

Missionaries .....	9
Assistants.....	3
Bible Women.....	31
Orphans.....	99
Scholarships .....	30
Day School .....	40
Teachers.....	40
Scholars .....	1,225

## TREASURER'S REPORT.

Received during year .....	\$24,568	73
Expended during year .....	23,236	03
Available balance October 1, 1883.....	7,587	28
Balance on hand October 1, 1882 .....	\$ 8,839	22
Balance in bank October 1, 1883 .....	10,191	92
Deducting from bank balance legacy invested .....	\$1,175	64
Previously appropriated .....	1,429	00
	<hr/>	2,604 64
Actual balance .....	\$7,537	28

## PHILADELPHIA BRANCH.

Includes Pennsylvania and Delaware, with headquarters at Philadelphia.

## OFFICERS.

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<i>Recording Sec'y</i> .....	MISS E. A. TOWNSEND, 1711 Spruce street, Philadelphia.
<i>Treasurer</i> .....	MRS. M. D. CHAHON, 134 S. Fourth street, "

## CONFERENCE SECRETARIES.

<i>Philadelphia</i> .....	MRS. JAS. LONG.....	1529 Girard avenue, Philadelphia.
<i>Central Penn'a</i> ...	" E. HINKLE.....	Huntington, Pennsylvania.
<i>Pittsburgh</i> .....	" M. VAN KIRK,	Oakland, Forbes st., E. End, Pittsburgh.
<i>Erie (fractional)</i> ..	" J. A. KUMMER .....	Fredonia, New York.
<i>Wilmington (frac.)</i>	" E. B. STEVENS, 1221 Market st.,	Wilmington, Del.
<i>Wyoming (frac.)</i> ..	" P. L. BENNET.....	Wilkesbarre, Pennsylvania.
<i>Central N. Y.</i> ...	" C. R. STATHAM, Reading Centre,	Schuyler co., N. Y.
<i>Genesee</i> .....	" D. W. C. HUNTINGDON....	Bradford, Pennsylvania.

The psalmist exhorts his brethren to praise, saying: "O, worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness," "Say among the heathen that the Lord reigneth." When Christian women give themselves without reserve to God He opens their minds and enlarges their hearts to care for those who sit in darkness, and to send the Bread of Life to the famishing ones they have never seen. The spirit of entire consecration has brought forth this fruit in many parts of the Philadelphia Branch, and the increase of auxiliaries and membership is the result of a more thorough and deeper sanctification in the lives of Christian women. Some have heard the voice of the Lord calling through the darkness of deep sorrow; some find their only relief through prolonged and burning trials, in sending the message of comfort to those in deeper need; and some in childhood hear the voice and answer, "Speak Lord, for thy servant heareth." This missionary cause calls for all to come up to the help of the Lord, and as the summons is heeded success follows. It is the faithful, persistent, self-renouncing work of many women that enables the Philadelphia Branch to record 45 new auxiliaries and 1,735 new members this year. Our Conference and District Secretaries have worked as for the Lord.

Much of the increased interest in the Branch is to be attributed to the enthusiasm stimulated by the General Executive meeting held in Philadelphia last November, which, though not resulting in a large financial accession, has given rise to a wider spread of information and zeal.

One new missionary has been sent into the field, and two have left the work to be married. The actual demands on the treasury have been more than met. The whole amount of appropriation has not been called for, as the medical missionary for Peking was not found within this Branch; and Miss Woodworth's marriage in the early part of the year, after refunding her outfit and passage money, relieved the treasury of her support. The return of Miss Spencer from Japan, on leave of absence, has been a joy and incentive that we hardly know how to express. We are so thankful to God for her work, her strength, and her influence; and when she returns to Tokio, deeper love and more earnest prayers will follow her.

In the condensed Treasurer's report annually presented to the General Executive meeting no distinction in gifts is observed. But one item of this year's record deserves special mention. It is the gift of Miss Michener, our devoted missionary, who not only gave her life to Africa, but also left her entire effects to the Philadelphia Branch of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society. Four hundred and thirty-one dollars and six cents was received by our Treasurer from this bequest. Another sum in our Treasurer's account must not be omitted from honorable mention. Two hundred and five dollars and sixty-five cents have been contributed by the auxiliaries in the Branch, for a memorial stone to be placed over Miss Michener's grave. This, with accompanying fence and posts, was sent to Africa in the care of Rev. M. Day, who very recently returned to Liberia.

## SUMMARY OF HOME WORK.

Auxiliaries, including 40 Young Ladies' Bands.....	300 increase	45
Members.....	9,600 "	1,735
Life Members.....	247 "	46
Honorary Managers.....	20 "	3
Honorary Patrons.....		2
Mite Boxes distributed.....		793
Subscribers to H. W. F. ....	1,735 increase	176
Christmas Boxes sent (to India 1; to Japan 2).....		3

## SUMMARY OF FOREIGN WORK.

Missionaries.....	3
Teachers.....	8
Bible Women.....	6
Matron.....	1
Day Schools.....	21
Scholarships.....	41
Orphans.....	29

## TREASURER'S REPORT.

October 1, 1882, balance on hand.....	\$ 5,247 47
From October 1, 1882, to October 1, 1883, receipts.....	13,310 21
Total.....	\$18,557 68
Disbursements.....	\$12,868 63
October 1, 1883, balance on hand.....	5,689 05
	\$18,557 68

NOTE.—The amounts by conferences can not be calculated this year, on account of the way the books have been kept, owing to the former Treasurer's long illness.

## BALTIMORE BRANCH.

Includes Maryland, District of Columbia, and Eastern Virginia, with headquarters at Baltimore.

## OFFICERS.

<i>President</i> .....	MRS. F. A. CROOK....	Cor. Madison ave. and Townsend st.
<i>Cor. Secretary</i> ..	MISS I. HART.....	176 North Calvert street.
<i>Rec. Secretary</i> ..	MRS. DR. C. MORGAN.....	Calverton, Baltimore county.
<i>Treasurer</i> .....	" M. G. HAMILTON.....	234 West Fayette street.

## CONFERENCE AND DISTRICT SECRETARIES.

<i>Wilmington (frac.)</i> ..	MRS. E. B. STEVENS, 1221 Market st., Wilmington, Del.
<i>Virginia Conference</i> .....	
<i>Washington</i> ".....	
<i>Baltimore</i> ".....	
<i>Baltimore District</i> ..	MRS. H. C. TUDOR..... Waverly, Baltimore county.
<i>E. Baltimore</i> "...	" W. A. LEITCH..... 322 Eden street. Baltimore.
<i>W.</i> " "...	" E. H. FOWLER..... 314 Warren ave., Baltimore.
<i>Washington</i> "...	" S. M. HARTSOCK, 1506 9th st., N. W. Wash., D. C.
<i>Cumberland</i> "...	" C. W. BALDWIN..... Cumberland, Maryland.

There are but few salient features in the history of the year as distinctive from that of other Branches or other years. Some minds have been convinced, some hearts touched, some hands have been prevailed to take hold of the work that had not before, while others before interested acknowledge deeper conviction, stronger feeling, and a closer grasp of the work. Of but few, I think, it can be said that their love has waxed cold.

We could tell the same story that probably every other Secretary could tell, of devotion and sacrifice, as represented in the gifts to this work; of offerings consecrated by self-denial and tears and prayers; and we could tell how woman's wit has been taxed, and woman's hands have wrought—and children, too—giving emphasis to the expression, “She hath done what she could.” When the books are opened, what a revelation there will be of all these hidden things. As we read between the lines of our Treasurer's report, we see so many things that come not to the surface. We see the woman, crippled in feet, knitting with hands one hundred wash cloths, that some may know of inward cleansing. We hear the music of pennies, multiplying into dollars, as they are saved from the scanty store of a poor blind woman. We see that indispensable factor in any gathering of woman's product, that heritage from our grandmothers—a *quilt*—and lo and behold, it bears 1,200 names, and each name is worth, in ready currency, ten cents—an easy calculation making the quilt thus transformed into a roll of profit, if not of honor, as it goes to heathen lands, \$120. We see the solitary treasured sovereign of a child; her first, and, for aught we know, her last. We see busy little fingers, flashing little eyes, quite heroic little heart-struggles, as well as the sigh of the old and weary, and heavy laden; and He who sitteth above the treasury sees; for, with one exception, all our money came thus, or in the usual regular way, and in small sums; and the largeness of the exception is rather in what it represents than in the actual amount. A Methodist preacher's widow begs an interview, never to be denied one who asks it in the interest of the missionary cause, and before she leaves, with beaming face and tearful eyes, she deposits four hundred dollars—her own earnings and savings—that she might give which, the summer trip and winter wrap were dispensed with; and with one condition—inviolable secrecy. I would not dare say this much concerning the giver if I was nearer home; nor extract from her letter received last week, of meeting some one in a store expending \$17.75 for odds and ends: “I know I have not spent that much on my wardrobe for two years.” So our workers' feel; so our money comes. Would there were more of both! But remember our small territorial limits, when we report but 98 auxiliaries, 3,800 members, 125 life members, 21 honorary managers, 4 honorary patrons; subscription to paper, 762.

The apology and explanation for a balance in our treasury are our failure to find and send a medical lady to West China, as planned for at our last Committee meeting, and by our delay in finding one for Nagasaki. The year's search for the latter was only rewarded with success at its close,

and, on November 20th, Miss Everding sails for Nagasaki. Our foreign report shows in

<i>India</i> —Missionary . . . . .	1
Missionary teachers . . . . .	2
Bible women . . . . .	7
Orphans. . . . .	29
<i>China</i> —Missionary . . . . .	1
Orphans. . . . .	30
Medical students . . . . .	3
Day schools . . . . .	6
<i>Japan</i> —Missionary (about to be sent) . . . . .	1
Scholars . . . . .	9
<i>Mexico</i> —Missionary . . . . .	1
Orphans. . . . .	4
<i>Italy, Rome</i> —Bible woman . . . . .	1

We rejoice in our relation to this great work of world saving, that, in any sense and to any degree, we are factors therein, and we attest the blessings we thus bring to others come with three-fold power into our own hearts and lives. As we review the past our record is: *Hitherto* the Lord hath led us. As we contemplate the future our motto is: *Henceforth* the lives we live in the flesh shall be lives of faith in Him who hath loved us and given Himself for us; who is the propitiation of *our* sins, and not for ours only, but the sins of the whole world.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT.

In Treasury October, 1882. . . . .	\$7,254 84
Received to October, 1883 . . . . .	6,160 78
	13,415 62
Expended . . . . .	7,441 28
Balance. . . . .	\$5,974 34

#### CINCINNATI BRANCH.

Includes Ohio, West Virginia, Kentucky, and Tennessee, with headquarters at Cincinnati.

#### OFFICERS.

<i>President</i> . . . . .	MRS. BISHOP CLARK . . . . .	310 Elm st., Cincinnati, Ohio.
<i>Cor. Secretary</i> . . . . .	" B. R. COWEN . . . . .	Delaware, "
<i>Rec. Secretary</i> . . . . .	" W. C. HAMILTON . . . . .	Covington, Ky.
<i>Treasurer</i> . . . . .	" WM. B. DAVIS. . . . .	310 Elm st., Cincinnati, Ohio.

#### CONFERENCE SECRETARIES.

<i>Cincinnati Conference</i> . . . . .	MRS. J. F. LOYD . . . . .	Hillsboro, Ohio.
<i>Ohio</i> . . . . .	" J. H. CREIGHTON . . . . .	Lithopolis, "
<i>Central Ohio</i> . . . . .	" A. S. CLASON . . . . .	Delaware, "



<i>North Ohio Conference</i>	...	MRS. H. BENTON	315 Franklin st., Cleveland, Ohio.
<i>East Ohio</i>	"	E. HINGELEY	..... New Philadelphia, "
<i>West Virginia</i>	"	T. W. CHIDESTER	..... Bruceton Mills, W. Va.
<i>Kentucky</i>	"	G. E. SAVAGE	..... Covington, Ky.

Summing up the record for the home field for the past year, we can only echo the words of David "Who are we, that we should be able to offer so willingly after this sort, for all things come of Thee, and of Thine own have we given Thee. Now, therefore, our God, we thank Thee and praise Thy glorious name." Though we have not reached the majority of the women in our churches, yet we rejoice over the large addition to our numbers, over the rapidly growing organization among the young people, over our increased receipts, which have been most "willing" offerings. How faithfully the Conference and District Secretaries have labored! How willingly they have shared every burden, and the spirit of love that has pervaded our Branch is most thankfully recorded. Spirituality and zeal are shown in truer consecration and growing receipts. Thirty-six district conventions have been held. These meetings, bringing together representatives from all the auxiliaries, have grown to be a power in our work. Since our last meeting Miss DeVine has been sent to India. From within our bounds the Western Branch sent Miss McKesson to Rangoon. While thanking God for these, and for the good health of all our representatives in foreign fields, we also rejoice that there are others among our daughters who are saying, "Here am I. Send me." While our receipts are not swelled by legacies or large gifts, the increase shows a healthy growth, and the spirit manifested is an earnest that no backward steps will be taken. Our cause has been represented at the annual conferences, at district associations, while, at the various camp grounds, special meetings have been held, some of them times of great spiritual power. All the leaflets that could be obtained have been distributed, and a gratifying increase in missionary literature, with a small advance in the subscription to *Heathen Woman's Friend*. The large increase of interest among the young ladies is a matter of special thanksgiving. About \$4,000 was contributed by the young people alone. The young ladies of each of the five Ohio Conferences have assumed the support of one missionary, and in so doing feel that they are in an especial manner represented in heathen lands. In our schools and colleges auxiliaries have been formed which are a potent influence in fostering the missionary spirit and turning the thoughts of Christian young women to this department of the Lord's work. We feel that this harvest will be abundant "ere many days." The annual meeting held in Lexington, Ky., was a "time of refreshing." The attendance was large, the reports encouraging, and the spirit manifested inspiring. The appropriation committee recommended an advance over last year. Every pledge was met, so it was with good reason for the "faith that was in them" that these workers, on whom the heavy burden of collecting would fall, said, "go forward." The "praying spirit" abounds more and more in our midst, and we close the record of the year, in view of our widening influence at home and our increased responsibility, by adopting the Savior's

words, "Pray ye, therefore, the Lord of the harvest to send forth more laborers into His harvest," and, while we pray, let us work and believe.

## SUMMARY OF HOME WORK.

Auxiliaries . . . . .	571	Increase	61
Young Ladies' Societies . . . . .	61	"	7
Children's Bands . . . . .	80	"	6
Life Patrons . . . . .	4		
Life Managers . . . . .	51	Increase	10
Life Members . . . . .	825	"	112
Annual Membership . . . . .	12,000	"	850
Subscribers to <i>H. W. F.</i> . . . . .	2,772	"	94

## FOREIGN WORK.

Missionaries . . . . .	10
East India Zenana Teachers . . . . .	2
Bible Women in India . . . . .	20
Bible Women in China . . . . .	16
Bible Women in Italy . . . . .	2
Day Schools in India . . . . .	25
Day Schools in China . . . . .	5
Scholarships in India . . . . .	31
Scholarships in Japan . . . . .	22
Scholarships in China . . . . .	8
Orphans in India . . . . .	33
Orphans in Mexico . . . . .	1
All the school work of Puebla and Orizaba. One boarding school and half the support of two others.	
New buildings and repairs . . . . .	\$3,200
Rent, etc . . . . .	1,500

## TREASURER'S REPORT.

Balance on hand October 1, 1882 . . . . .	\$4,626 39
Receipts to October 1, 1883 . . . . .	20,061 45
Total . . . . .	\$24,687 84
Expenditures . . . . .	19,758 25
Balance . . . . .	\$4,929 59

## AMOUNTS BY CONFERENCE.

Cincinnati Conference . . . . .	\$5,301 12
Ohio Conference . . . . .	5,079 95
North Ohio Conference . . . . .	2,134 65
East Ohio Conference . . . . .	4,020 03
Central Ohio Conference . . . . .	1,976 99
Kentucky Conference . . . . .	558 15
West Virginia Conference . . . . .	870 31
Other sources . . . . .	124 25

### NORTHWESTERN BRANCH.

Includes Illinois, Indiana, Michigan and Wisconsin, with headquarters at Chicago.

#### OFFICERS.

<i>President</i> . . . . .	MRS. ISAAC R. HITT . . . . .	Evanston, Illinois.
<i>Corresponding Sec.</i> . . . . .	" THOS. A. HILL, Southern Hotel, Chicago, Illinois.	
<i>Recording Sec.</i> . . . . .	" FRANK M. BRISTOL, 2502 Indiana ave., Chicago.	
<i>Treasurer</i> . . . . .	" DAVID PRESTON, 43 Baggs st., Detroit, Michigan.	

#### CONFERENCE SECRETARIES.

<i>Rock River</i> . . . . .	MRS. M. S. BUDLONG . . . . .	Rockford, Illinois.
<i>Central Illinois</i> . . . . .	" S. H. HART . . . . .	Tiskilwa, Illinois.
<i>Illinois</i> . . . . .	" J. A. DOUGHERTY . . . . .	Jacksonville, Illinois.
<i>Southern Illinois</i> . . . . .	" M. E. SLADE . . . . .	Vandalia, Illinois.
<i>Indiana</i> . . . . .	MISS SARAH T. KEELEY, 156 E. Michigan st., Indianapolis.	
<i>North Indiana</i> . . . . .	MRS. B. SMITH . . . . .	Muncie, Indiana.
<i>Northwest Indiana</i> . . . . .	" A. C. MCKINSEY . . . . .	Perrysville, Indiana.
<i>Southeast Indiana</i> . . . . .	" KATE L. HAYNES . . . . .	Connersville, Indiana.
<i>Detroit</i> . . . . .	" T. D. YORK . . . . .	Dearborn, Indiana.
<i>Michigan</i> . . . . .	" E. A. HOAG . . . . .	Martin, Indiana.
<i>Wisconsin</i> . . . . .	" L. L. COLEMAN . . . . .	Whitewater, Wisconsin.
<i>West Wisconsin</i> . . . . .	" M. M. EATON . . . . .	Madison, Wisconsin.

According to the Norseland myth, Heimdall, the watchman of the gods, could hear the grass growing in the meadows. If we could hear the growth of the people's thought, I think we would come to our annual review with joy like that of Paul. He writes to the Corinthians: "Great is my boldness of speech toward you, great is my glorying in your behalf: I am filled with comfort; I overflow with joy in all our affliction."

Figures, like dollars, are a crude expression of value. They give only sign-board facts. There are sweet, tender charities that are beyond price. Timid, self-distrusting women, whose chief pleasure has been to minister to the happiness of the dear little children, and that of the noble men who stand guard with brain and muscle over the threshold of the home. These women have gone out from their sheltered nooks, and borne the heaviest cares,

"Toiling up new Calvaries ever  
With the cross that turns not back,"

that heathen women might be raised to dignity of Christian womanhood. Gifts have been brought to this treasury hallowed by the touch of those whom God has taken from hearts left desolate. Prayers have been poured into God's ear on this behalf. These best whispers of vigorous growth may escape our dull hearing, but are they not all written in the book? They have created an atmosphere in many a home, and the children are never so happy as when they are doing something for the missionaries, while the young ladies bring the freshness and warmth of their quick, energetic sympathies to this work.

A detachment of an army well toward 100,000 strong has come together for its annual review. Its territory embraces four States, with Chicago for its headquarters. It has :

District Associations .....	68
Auxiliaries .....	912
Members .....	19,862
Life Members .....	1,265
Honorary Managers .....	22
Honorary Patrons .....	7
Subscribers to the <i>Heathen Woman's Friend</i> .....	5,547

Our receipts have been :

Missionary money .....	\$26,898 88
Medical Educational Fund .....	560 67

While our Society has been caring for the salvation of heathen women, it has been a grand educator of Christian women at home. It is organized according to the old Wesleyan class system, each member giving a penny a week for its support.

When it is properly worked, every Auxiliary Corresponding Secretary reports each quarter to the District Secretary ; every District Secretary to the Conference Secretary ; every Conference Secretary to the Branch Corresponding Secretary.

All missionary literature for distribution comes to the Branch Corresponding Secretary ; she distributes to the Conference Secretaries, they to the District Secretaries, and they to the Auxiliary Secretaries. Persistent effort has been made to send down along these lines everything in a voluminous missionary correspondence that could be helpful to an auxiliary.

Those who have been intrusted with responsibility in this service, have been so faithful and efficient that it seems difficult to make special mention of any. All have done their work heartily as unto the Lord.

The meetings of the Executive Committee were never more harmonious and effective than they have been this year.

The Mite Box Committee has done good work toward pushing those silent collectors into every Methodist home. Over 6,000 boxes have been sent out.

Mrs. Pilcher, Chairman of the Photograph Committee, was obliged by ill-health to resign, and Mrs. Porter, of Detroit, took her place. The receipts from that line of our work are \$96.84. We cannot give in figures the results of having the faces of our dear " Missionary girls " in the homes and near the family altars of our home workers.

The Publication Committee has issued 2,000 Annual Reports, 7,000 Quarterly Report blanks, 4,500 Auxiliary Treasurer's blanks, 1,400 copies of Constitution and By-Laws. The General Publication Committee has sent us 1,209 General Reports. The Leaflet Committee has sent us about 85,000 pages of leaflets. Of the 3,000 copies of "Rosario," only 380 remain unsold ;

2,620 are out among our people making sentiment for our South American work, their value helping build the Rosario Home.

Two young ladies, who have been under the care of the Medical Education Committee, have graduated; the third is continuing her studies.

The young ladies' work is gaining in favor with our Secretaries. There have been some changes among the young ladies' Secretaries. Mrs. Adkinson resigned, and Miss Newkirk took her place; Mrs. Warrington was succeeded by Mrs. Quine; Miss Goodwin by Miss Sabine, and Miss Kate Webb, of the Northwest Indiana Conference, has been removed to the higher activities of the shadowless land.

Our bequests have been carefully looked after, and in cases where litigation seemed imminent, by the aid of a good lawyer we have made our way out of the complications.

We have been able to meet our appropriations of \$40,000 as easily as other years when they were much less. I beg leave to recommend that our appropriations the coming year be a round full \$50,000.

#### FOREIGN SUMMARY.

Missionaries .....	10
As-istants. ....	10
Bible Women .....	8
Orphans .....	52
Scholarships .....	58
Day Schools .....	12
Teachers .....	15
Towards Rent and New Buildings .....	\$9,000
Medical Work .....	2,500

#### TREASURER'S REPORT.

The Treasurer's Report for the fiscal year, from October 1, 1882, to October 1, 1883, is as follows:

##### RECEIPTS.

To balance on hand as per last annual report .....	\$9,081 89
Amount received from Michigan .....	\$7,738 08
Amount received from Indiana .....	6,524 44
Amount received from Illinois .....	8,480 17
Amount received from Wisconsin .....	1,953 22
Amount received from Pipestone, Mich., from estate of J. F. Haskins. ....	251 03
Amount received from Sarah Chapin, bequest, Ind. ....	473 00
Amount from bequest of Mrs. Tabitha Rogers, Sheboygan, Wis. ....	504 50
Amount from bequest of J. Kenegy, Freeport, Ill. ....	299 55
Northwest Indiana Conference, from a friend for Rosario Home .....	30 00
Amount received from Indiana Conference .....	41 20
Amount received from Central Illinois Conference .....	25 00
Amount received from Southern Illinois Conference .....	53 20
Amount received from Northwest Norwegian Conference .....	44 31
Amount received from Rent of House, etc. ....	287 70
Amount received from sale of Annual Reports .....	77 30
Amount received from sale of Photographs .....	21 63
Amount received from Seattle, Washington Ter .....	25 00



Amount received from collection Second Quarterly Meeting.....	14 65	
Amount received from miscellaneous sources.....	45 90	
Amount received from all sources for the fiscal year.....		\$26,898 88
Total receipts for the year, including balance on hand Oct. 1, 1882 .		\$35,980 77
Total Disbursements .....		\$29,109 58
Balance .....		6,871 19
		\$35,980 77

## MEDICAL EDUCATIONAL FUND.

To balance in hand from last annual report.....	\$925 28
To remittances from Michigan.....	246 11
To remittances from Indiana.....	78 70
To remittances from Illinois.....	211 81
To remittances from Wisconsin.....	9 40
To receipts from sale of Photographs.....	21 53
To collection from Branch Quarterly Meeting.....	14 65
	\$1,507 48

## WESTERN BRANCH.

This is the list of officers and record of the Western Branch for 1883. The officers for the three branches formed out of the Western will appear farther on.

## OFFICERS.

<i>President</i> .....	MRS. MARY C. NIND.....	Minneapolis, Minn.
<i>Cor. Secretary</i> ..	LUCY E. PRESCOTT .....	" "
<i>Ass't Cor. Sec'y</i> "	AMELIA JUDD.....	Marine Mills, "
<i>Rec. Secretary</i> ..	LUETTE B. JAMES.....	Des Moines, Iowa.
<i>Treasurer</i> .....	E. K. STANLEY .....	" "

## CONFERENCE SECRETARIES.

<i>Iowa Conference</i> .....	MRS. M. B. POWER .....	Muscatine, Iowa.
<i>Des Moines Conf'nce</i> ..	MISS LIBBIE PEARSON.....	Des Moines, "
<i>Upper Iowa</i> .....	DR. M. W. PORTER .....	Davenport, "
<i>N. W. Iowa</i> .....	MRS. R. M. HARTSOUGH .....	Sioux Falls, Dakota Ter.
<i>Missouri</i> .....	MISS MARY PRICE .....	Savannah, Missouri.
<i>St. Louis</i> .....	MRS. ADA B. HAGERTY .....	St. Louis, "
<i>Nebraska</i> .....	" M. J. SHELLEY.....	Tecumseh, Nebraska.
<i>N. Nebraska</i> .....	" " " " .....	" "
<i>Nebraska Mission</i> ....	" " " " .....	" "
<i>Colorado Conference</i> ..	H. M. SHATTUCK .....	Greeley, Colorado
<i>Minnesota</i> .....	CHARLOTTE S. WINCHELL.....	Minneapolis, Minn.
<i>Kansas</i> .....	MISS M. M. HAMMOND .....	Baldwin City, Kansas.
<i>N. W. Kansas</i> .....	" " " " .....	" "
<i>South Kansas</i> .....	MRS. H. E. M. PATTEE.....	Humboldt, "
<i>S. W. Kansas</i> .....	" " " " .....	" "

"In the morning sow thy seed, and in the evening withhold not thy hand, for thou knowest not whether shall prosper either this or that, or whether they both shall be alike good."

Inspired by this word of God, the Western Branch has pursued her onward course, and presents another annual report :

There have been hindrances to growth the past year, among which we may mention cyclones, floods and tornadoes. The Western fever, too, has swept away whole auxiliaries.

From year to year in the past we have been favored with large donations from kind friends of the work, who are now beyond the limits of the branch. These are some of the embarrassments under which we have labored, yet the workers, seeing discouragements, have not been discouraged.

Some societies are doing more than ever before. The weak are becoming strong. Conference Secretaries have sent out hundreds of letters. Some, they feared, were seed in "stony ground," but the fruit has appeared. There are many beautiful incidents that will appear in reports of Conference Secretaries, which prove the wisdom of consecrated hands hiding a "little leaven" for Jesus.

Those who take the "Heathen Woman's Friend" prize it more highly than ever. The "leaflets" are in greater demand than heretofore.

The "Flag Festival" is a new feature in our work, which has provided an evening of pleasure, instruction and profit:

We are indebted to George B. Nind, son of the President of our branch, for the introduction of this unique entertainment. While on his way to South America as a missionary, under appointment by Wm. Taylor, the ocean separating him from his native land, he devised a plan by which all missionaries might have the flag of their country adorn the walls of their home in foreign fields, and also bring a sum of money into the treasury of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.

The first "Flag Festival" was held at headquarters of the branch, Des Moines, and the flag was voted to the originator of the plan. Flags have been sent to Tokio, Yokohama, Nagasaki and Hakodati, Japan ; Kiu Kiang, China ; Lucknow and Bareilly, India, and several other places, realizing the sum of about \$1,000 to the treasury.

Notwithstanding the money from different sources has come in by littles, we record with gratitude to the Giver of all good that our appropriation of \$20,000 has been met, and an increase of all figures, auxiliaries, memberships, life members, etc., except subscribers for the "Heathen Woman's Friend." The figures received from Miss Walden, agent, show a decrease. This we deeply regret, and hope to see remedied.

Donations that do not appear on the Treasurer's book, yet credited by the Master who "sits over against the treasury," have been a great blessing this year. In all great enterprises there is need of money to meet emergencies not provided for by the Society.

The ladies of First Church, Des Moines, have obeyed that command : " Let not thy left hand know what thy right hand doeth," to the joy of many hearts.

The Lincoln, Nebraska, auxiliary gave Miss Watson an organ for the school in Yokohama.

The ladies in Chetopa, Kansas, delighted to find that they had a missionary under appointment in their midst (Dr. Florence N. Hamisfar), presented her with a purse of money. And all over the branch, as in other years, churches have contributed traveling expenses for their Conference Secretaries, and others engaged in the work.

The missionary meetings on camp grounds and conference anniversaries have been unusually good. This fall we have been favored with the services of Mr and Mrs. Badley, from India, at the Conference anniversaries, and they have indeed been a great help to the work. We expect to see greater results "after many days."

We have, in other years, reported work beyond our large boundary lines from Arkansas to the Dakotas, and now we have the pleasure of announcing an auxiliary in Los Angeles, California, with fifty-four members, forty-one subscribers for the "Heathen Woman's Friend," and fifty dollars sent to the treasury. Not long ago two Conference Secretaries of the Northwestern Branch, Mrs. J. P. Early and Mrs. Dr. Seymour, went westward to this garden spot in pursuit of health, taking with them the missionary fire which glowed so brightly at home. God gave them the opportunity to organize this auxiliary. Mrs. Seymour, reporting the work, says: A gracious revival of religion has recently visited our community, and under the quickening influence of the holy spirit, faith has surmounted all obstacles in the way of obedience to plain duty, and a Woman's Foreign Missionary Society is a blessed reality. Please give us welcome in the Western Branch, and pray for our success.

Most heartily do we welcome our sisters of California to our branch, to unite their labors and prayers with ours until the time, in the good providence of God, they shall be able to form a still more "western" branch.

We are happy to state that we have some young ladies with "consecrated talents" who have heard the call of God to carry the Gospel message. The Western Branch had the privilege of sending a lady who is associated with Miss Benton in carrying forward the work inaugurated in Yokohama by the sainted Susan B. Higgins. Miss Rebecca J. Watson went from Bellewood Nebraska. She left San Francisco May 17, and arrived safely in June.

Miss Watson is happy in her work, speaks through an interpreter, and works right on—only wishes she could acquire the language more rapidly.

Miss Hawkins, who was accepted by the General Executive Committee last fall, is still in college, doing well, and will be ready to go to a foreign field next spring.

Miss Mary McKisson, of Berea, Ohio, who, by consecration and executive

ability, seemed well suited for the work in Rangoon, has been accepted by the Committee of Reference, and has been sent to assist Miss Warner.

A few months ago Dr. Maclay, Superintendent of Missions in Japan, wrote, requesting that we send a medical missionary to Hakodati, and recommended Dr. F. N. Hamisfar, of Oswego, Kansas. Dr. Hamisfar's testimonials were collected and forwarded to the Committee of Reference and the Secretaries of the General Missionary Society for approval, which were in every respect satisfactory, and she is now on her way as the first medical missionary sent by the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society to Japan.

"They that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament, and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever."

To turn many to righteousness is our object as a society. That we may be *wise* to do this, that we give not grudgingly nor of necessity, but with cheerfulness, and influence others to give, we must be full of the missionary spirit, thoroughly acquainted with all the details and necessities of the work, and be able to plan wisely to meet them. Let us remember the words of the Lord Jesus—how he said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive," and *give*.

The boundless fields, the perishing millions, the depleted forces, the earnest appeals from missionaries, the prosperity of the past, God's promises for the future—should all be incentives to intense activity while the day of privilege lasts.

There are some ladies in the branch who have independent means, which they have, with their own selves, dedicated to the Lord. These women have helped the Lord to answer prayer when the funds have been very low, and, in return, have received a hundred-fold blessing in their own souls. May the Lord multiply these consecrated givers.

There must be an emptying of our hands before God can fill them. We can not help the heathen to cast down their idols until there is a breaking of our own.

#### STATISTICS.

##### HOME.

Auxiliaries.....	481
Members.....	11,314
Life Members.....	927
Honorary Managers.....	42
Life Patrons.....	7
Young Ladies' Societies.....	37
Members.....	257
Bands.....	12
Subscribers for the "Heathen Woman's Friend".....	2,512

##### Showing an increase of—

Auxiliaries.....	34
Members.....	1,042
Life Members.....	115
Honorary Managers.....	5
Life Patrons.....	2
Young Ladies' Societies.....	8
Members.....	143

## FOREIGN.

Missionaries .....	5
Assistant Missionary.....	1
Bible Readers .....	18
Day Schools .....	17
Teachers .....	28
Boarding School (partial support of two others).....	1
Scholarships .....	79
Orphans .....	81
Home of Friendless .....	1
Women in "Home" .....	15
Girls in "Home" .....	13

## TREASURER'S REPORT.

Amount on hand October 1, 1882 .....	\$ 3,456 24
Received from October 1, 1882, to October 1, 1883 .....	16,688 70
Total .....	\$20,144 94
Disbursements for the year.....	18,087 83
Cash on hand .....	\$2,057 11

## MINNEAPOLIS BRANCH.

Includes Minnesota and Dakota, with headquarters at Minneapolis. Organized December 18, 1883.

## OFFICERS.

<i>President</i> .....	MRS. EMILY HUNTINGTON MILLER.....	St. Paul, Minn.
<i>Rec. Secretary</i> .....	" J. M. HEARD .....	Minneapolis, Minn.
<i>Cor. Secretary</i> .....	" MARY C. NIND.....	" "
<i>Treasurer</i> .....	" W. M. HARRISON, 802 2d av.,	South Minneapolis.

## CONFERENCE SECRETARIES.

<i>Minnesota Con</i> . . . .	MRS. CHARLOTTE S. MINCHELL, E. Minneapolis, Minn.
<i>Dakota Mission Con.</i> " . . . .	I. M. HARTSOUGH . . . . . Sioux Falls, D. T.
<i>German Work</i> . . . .	MISS MAGGIE DREYER . . . . . Armstrong, Kansas.

## DES MOINES BRANCH.

Includes Iowa and Missouri, with headquarters at Des Moines. Organized November 12, 1883.

## OFFICERS.

<i>President</i> .....	MRS. MARY E. ORWIG .....	Des Moines, Iowa.
<i>Cor. Secretary</i> .....	" LUCY E. PRESCOTT, 3624 Olive st.,	St. Louis, Mo.
<i>Rec. Secretary</i> .....	" LUETTA B. JAMES .....	Des Moines, Iowa.
<i>Treasurer</i> .....	" E. K. STANLEY .....	" "

## CONFERENCE SECRETARIES.

<i>Iowa Conference</i> .....	MRS. M. B. POWER.....	Muscataine, Iowa.
<i>Des Moines Conf.</i> .....	MISS LIBBIE PEARSON.....	Des Moines, "



<i>Upper Iowa Conf.</i>	MRS. M. W. PORTER, M.D., 1111 Brady st., Davenport, Ia.
<i>N. W. Iowa</i> " " "	I. M. HARTSOUGH, . . . . . Sioux Falls, D. T.
<i>Missouri</i> " " "	MISS MARY PRICE . . . . . Savannah, Missouri.
<i>St. Louis</i> " " "	MRS. ADA B. HAGERTY, 1907 Grand avenue, St. Louis.
<i>German Work</i> . . . .	MISS MAGGIE DREYER, . . . . . Armstrong, Kansas.

### TOPEKA BRANCH.

Was organized in Topeka November 22, 1883. Includes Kansas, Nebraska, Colorado and Wyoming. Headquarters at Topeka.

#### OFFICERS.

<i>President</i> . . . . .	MRS. AMELIA J. COWLES . . . . .	Topeka, Kansas.
<i>Correspond'g Sec.</i> " " "	H. M. SHATTUCK . . . . .	Denver, Colorado.
<i>Recording Sec'y</i> . . . .	J. E. TORRINGTON, . . . . .	Topeka, Kansas.
<i>Treasurer</i> . . . . .	MARY J. SHELLEY, . . . . .	Humboldt, Nebraska.

#### CONFERENCE SECRETARIES.

<i>Kansas Conf'nce.</i>	MISS M. M. HAMMOND . . . . .	Baldwin City, Kansas.
<i>N. W. Kansas</i> " " "	MRS. CYNTHIA LEE . . . . .	Salina, "
<i>South Kansas</i> " " "	H. E. M. PATTEE, . . . . .	Williamsburg, "
<i>S. W. Kansas</i> " " "	MISS JESSIE MEECH . . . . .	Windfield, "
<i>Nebraska</i> " " "	MRS. KATE E. REDFIELD, . . . . .	Lincoln, Nebraska.
<i>N. Nebraska</i> " " "	HATTIE HANOVER . . . . .	Omaha, "
<i>Nebraska Mission</i> . . .	F. SMITH . . . . .	Central City, "
<i>Colorado Conf'nce.</i> . . .	H. B. CHAMBERLAIN, 286 S. 14th st.,	Denver, Col.

### ATLANTA BRANCH.

Includes North Carolina, South Carolina, Alabama, Georgia and Florida, with headquarters at Atlanta.

#### OFFICERS.

<i>President.</i> . . . . .	MRS. S. E. EISWALD, . . . . .	58 Wheat st., Atlanta, Georgia.
<i>Cor. Secretary</i> . . . . .	E. Q. FULLER, 99 Washington st.,	" "
<i>Rec. Secretary</i> . . . .	MISS NANNIE AUTEN . . . . .	" "
<i>Treasurer</i> . . . . .	CARRIE EGGLESTON, . . . . .	" "

The money collected by the Atlanta Branch is paid through the Cincinnati Branch.

## HOME STATISTICS.

BRANCH.	Auxiliaries.		Increase		Members.		Increase.		Life Membership.		Increase.		Life Managers.		Increase.		Honorary Patrons.		Increase.		Subscriptions.		Mite Boxes.		Receipts.	
New England Branch	379		39	9,694	1,321	803	35	32	2	10											3,149	567		\$18,642 06		
" New York	544		60	19,461	1,061	908	101	55	6	11											2,993	1,551		24,568 73		
" Philadelphia	300		45	9,600	1,735	247	46	20	3	2											1,731	993		13,310 21		
" Baltimore	98		2	3,800	200	125	15	22	4	4											762	....		25,391 40		
" Cincinnati	571		61	12,000	825	825	110	53	10	4											2,772	500		20,061 45		
" Northwestern	882		74	20,999	1,535	1,237	250	22	4	9											5,447	723		16,688 70		
" Western	481		31	11,314	1,042	927	115	42	5	7											2,512	.....		6,160 78		
	3,255		315	85,876	7,744	5,082	682	245	28	47											19,571	10,848		\$124,823 33		

# APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1883-4 BY BRANCHES.

## NEW ENGLAND BRANCH.

### India.

<i>Bijnour</i> , Boarding school.....	\$ 87 50
Nine city schools.....	209 00
Bible women.....	150 00
Conveyance.....	84 00
<i>Moradabad</i> , Miss M. J. Seymour's salary.....	275 00
Boarding school.....	750 00
Matron.....	60 00
Repairs on home and school house.....	84 00
Twelve city schools.....	271 00
Conveyance.....	84 00
Bible women.....	250 00
Conveyance.....	84 00
Medical work.....	375 00
<i>Amroha</i> , Schools and Bible women.....	417 00
<i>Bareilly</i> , Orphanage and boarding school.....	350 00
Miss Swain's salary.....	650 00
Hospital necessities and medici's.....	417 00
<i>Lucknow</i> , Payment for building.....	200 00
School building.....	250 00
<i>Roy Bareilly</i> , Mrs. Grant's salary.....	300 00
House rent.....	100 00
Bible women.....	200 00
Schools.....	200 00
Conveyance.....	84 00
<i>Cawnpore</i> , Home building.....	594 00
<i>Naini Tal</i> , English girls' boarding school.....	1,000 00
<i>Calcutta</i> , School building.....	250 00
Total for India.....	\$7,784 50

### Japan.

<i>Tokio</i> , Seven scholarships.....	\$280 00
Watchman.....	85 00
<i>Yokohama</i> , Miss Benton's salary.....	600 00
Expenses contingent to the work.....	150 00
Personal teacher.....	100 00
Furocho school.....	300 00
Bible women.....	150 00
Traveling expenses.....	60 00
Current house repairs.....	75 00
Insurance.....	40 00
Ground rent.....	60 00
House furniture (provisional).....	175 00
<i>Nagasaki</i> , Five scholarships.....	200 00
<i>Hakodati</i> , Five scholarships.....	225 00
Home.....	800 00
Total for Japan.....	\$3,300 00

### North China.

<i>Peking</i> , Miss Cushman's salary.....	\$600 00
Expenses contingent to the work.....	150 00
Personal teacher.....	100 00
Boarding school current expenses.....	600 00

Chinese day school.....	100 00
Traveling expenses.....	100 00
Building for training school.....	250 00
<i>Tientsin</i> , Miss Yate's salary.....	600 00
Expenses contingent to the work.....	150 00
Personal teacher.....	120 00
Ho-pital matron.....	60 00
Dispensary assistant.....	100 00
Watchman.....	54 00
Dr. Aker's salary.....	600 00
Expenses contingent to the work.....	150 00
Personal teacher.....	100 00
Two coolies.....	120 00

Total for North China .. \$3,954 00

### West China.

<i>Chung King</i> , Purchase of property for the work.....	\$500 00
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### South America.

<i>Rosario</i> , Salary of Miss Chapin ..	\$600 00
Expenses contingent to the work.....	150 00
Education of girls.....	100 00
Furniture for school and home.....	200 00
<i>Montevideo</i> , Assistants.....	200 00
<i>Buenos Ayres</i> , Assistant teacher ..	300 00
Rent.....	100 00

Total for South America .. \$1,650 00

### Italy.

<i>Arezzo</i> , Bible woman, Mrs. Caval- leris.....	\$160 00
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### Mexico.

<i>Mexico City</i> , Bi le woman and sup- plies.....	\$100 00
Rent of orphanage.....	200 00
Girls in orphanage.....	225 00
<i>Miraflores</i> , School teacher.....	300 00
Total for Mexico.....	\$825 00

### Bulgaria.

<i>Loftcha</i> , New home.....	\$500 00
Two girls.....	80 00
Lady to be sent to India.....	1,500 00
Lady for Rangoon (conditional) or contingent.....	800 00

Grand total .. \$21,053 50

## NEW YORK BRANCH.

### India.

<i>East Kumaon</i> , Village work.....	\$100 00
<i>Moradabad</i> , Mohulla work.....	105 00
Girls in boarding school.....	30 00

<i>Bareilly</i> , Salary of Miss Sparkes ..	650 00
Salary of Miss Waddingham ..	300 00
Salary of Miss Durand ..	350 00
Salary of Miss Hyde, M. D. ....	650 00
Orphanage work .....	907 00
Bible women .....	240 00
City schools .....	334 00
Christian wom. n's school .....	35 00
<i>Bareilly Circuit</i> , Batouli, Shabazpur, Baisalpor, Aoula. ....	210 00
<i>Futungang Circuit</i> , Fathgang, Shergar, Miringung, Sirouli, Mirapore	150 00
Khera Bajhera .....	90 00
<i>Buacan</i> , Zenana visitor. ....	150 00
City schools .....	334 00
Bible women .....	159 00
Kakrouli, Bissouli .....	109 00
Ellenpur school and Bible women	120 00
Hardui .....	250 00
Unao .....	109 00
<i>Lu know</i> , Bible women .....	212 00
Assistant No. 3 .....	250 00
Building of Home for Friendless.	200 00
Addition to school building ..	250 00
<i>Cawnpore</i> , Building .....	594 00
<i>Naiwi To</i> , Building .....	1,000 00
<i>Calcutta</i> , Building .....	500 00
<i>Bombay</i> , Lady to be sent .....	1,500 00
<i>Calcutta</i> , Lady to be sent .....	600 00

Total for India.....\$10,488 00

#### China.

<i>North China</i> .	
<i>Peking</i> , Salary of Mrs. Jewell.....	\$600 00
Incidentals .....	150 00
Teacher .....	120 00
Mrs. Wang, Bible woman .....	50 00
School coolie .....	54 00
<i>Foochow</i> , Salary of Miss Trask, M.D.	600 00
Incidentals .....	150 00
Teacher .....	48 00
Hospital expenses .....	400 00
Three medical students .....	54 00
Orphan Ai Seng .....	30 00
<i>Foochow District</i> , Four day schools	200 00
One teacher and two assistants in	
women's school .....	110 00
Repairs .....	50 00
Insurance .....	25 00
<i>Wet China</i> , Lady to be sent and	
salary .....	1,350 00
Teacher .....	67 00
<i>Chiu K'ang</i> , Lady to be sent .....	1,500 00
Rent of building .....	500 00

Total for China ..\$6,064 00

#### Japan.

<i>Tokio</i> , Salary of Miss Atkinson....	\$600 00
Incidentals .....	150 00
Teacher .....	100 00
Four scholarships, \$40 each .....	160 00
Day schools in Samachi .....	125 00
<i>Nagasaki</i> , Miss Gheer's salary .....	600 00
Incidentals .....	150 00
Teacher .....	100 00
Insurance .....	155 00
Scholarships .....	640 00
<i>Hakodati</i> , Miss Hampton's salary ..	600 00
Incidentals .....	150 00
Teacher .....	60 00
Land rent .....	108 00
Insurance .....	120 00

Building home .....	800 00
Scholarships .....	270 00
Total for Japan .....	\$4,888 00

#### Mexico.

<i>Mexico City</i> , Expenses to annual	
meeting .....	\$ 25 00
Rent and water supply .....	250 00
School supplies and furniture .....	200 00
Board, clothing and washing for	
ten girls, \$80 each .....	800 00
<i>Queretaro</i> , Rent of school and h'me	
Teacher .....	60 00
School furniture .....	75 00
Bible woman and supplies .....	150 00
<i>Pachuca</i> , Salary of Miss Hastings	600 00
Incidentals .....	150 00
School supplies .....	100 00
Porter .....	100 00
Garden .....	45 00
Repairs .....	90 00
<i>Real-D l-Monte</i> , Girls' school .....	175 00
Bible woman and supplies .....	100 00
<i>El Chico</i> , School and supplies .....	275 00
<i>Mexico</i> , Lady to be sent .....	600 00
Incidentals .....	150 00
Passage and outfit .....	450 00

Total for Mexico ..\$4,575 00

#### South America.

<i>Montevideo</i> , Rent for school .....	\$500 00
Assistant teachers .....	600 00
<i>Buenos Ayres</i> , House rent .....	200 00

Total for South America ..\$1,300 00

#### Italy.

Mrs. Campare .....	\$160 00
<i>Naples</i> , Mrs. Gallo .....	160 00
<i>Venice</i> , Mrs. Borelli .....	250 00
Lady to be sent .....	1,500 00

Total for Italy ..\$2,070 00

#### Bulgaria.

<i>Lottcha</i> , Scholarships .....	\$ 60 00
Building .....	1,000 00

Total for Bulgaria ..\$1,060 00

Contingent .. 1,000 00

Grand total ..\$31,445 00

#### PHILADELPHIA BRANCH.

#### India.

<i>Rohilkund District</i> , Bijour board-	
ing school .....	\$ 75 00
<i>Bareilly</i> , Miss Kerr's salary .....	950 00
Miss Thompson's salary .....	225 00
Orphanage .....	220 00
<i>Oudh District</i> , Lucknow, Miss	
Heming's salary .....	350 00
One scholarship .....	25 00
City schools .....	334 00
Conveyance .....	84 00
"Home for the Homeless" matron	
building .....	225 00
<i>Cawnpore</i> , Miss Mispelar's salary ..	350 00
City schools .....	334 00
Bible women .....	100 00

Conveyances .....	167 00
Munshi .....	50 00
Site and building for ladies' home .....	594 00
Rent for 1884 .....	250 00
<i>Kumoon District, Paori, Miss Cumberland's salary</i> .....	275 00
Orphanage and boarding school .....	234 00
Repairs .....	84 00
<i>Paori District, Girls' schools</i> .....	110 00
<i>Naini Tal, Building for English school</i> .....	1,000 00
Lady to be sent to India .....	1,500 00

Total for North India .....

*South India, Calcutta, Building for English school* .....

Total for South India .....

#### China.

<i>Foochow, Day school, Hok Chiang District</i> .....	\$ 50 00
Day School, Yeng Ping District .....	50 00
<i>Peking, Building for training school</i> .....	250 00
<i>West China, Chung King, support of forty day pupils, with incidentals, books, Scriptures, etc.</i> .....	100 00
Matron and medical assistant .....	68 00

Total for China .....

#### Japan.

<i>Tokio, Scholarships in boy's schools</i> .....	\$360 00
Insurance .....	240 00
Bible woman .....	60 00
Traveling expenses .....	80 00
Miss Spencer's home salary .....	350 00
Miss Spencer's return to Japan .....	450 00
<i>Yokohama, Opening new school</i> .....	125 00
<i>Hakodati, Matron's wages</i> .....	120 00
Servant's wages .....	50 00
New building .....	800 00
Lady to be sent .....	1,500 00
<i>Nagasaki, Scholarships in boarding school</i> .....	160 00
Teachers' salaries .....	350 00

Total for Japan .....

#### Mexico.

<i>Mexico City, Rent</i> .....	\$150 00
Miss Hugoboom's salary .....	600 00
Contingent expenses .....	150 00
Personal teacher .....	120 00
First Assistant .....	600 00
Orphanage .....	300 00
Expenses to annual meeting .....	25 00
<i>Puebla, Bible woman and supplies</i> .....	100 00
<i>Leon Mission, Bible women and supplies</i> .....	100 00

Total for Mexico .....

#### South America.

*Buenos Ayres, School furniture and requisites for evangelical school* .....

Total for South America .....

#### Italy.

<i>Milan, Mrs. Silvio Stazi's salary</i> .....	\$250 00
Contingent fund .....	1,141 00
Total appropriation for Philadelphia Branch .....	\$17,000 00

### BALTIMORE BRANCH.

#### India.

<i>Moradabad, Miss M. Seymour's salary</i> .....	\$275 00
Boarding school .....	125 00
<i>Bareilly, Miss Kelly's salary</i> .....	650 00
New assistants .....	175 00
Orphanage .....	149 00
Hospital assistants .....	188 00
Conveyances .....	167 00
Bible woman .....	60 00
<i>Paori, Mrs. Whitby's salary</i> .....	250 00
<i>Dwara Hath, Boarding school</i> .....	90 00
Medical work .....	25 00
Bible-woman and conveyance .....	100 00
<i>Cawnpore, School building</i> .....	594 00
Bible woman .....	60 00
<i>Naini Tal, Medical woman</i> .....	50 00
Medicine .....	42 00
Zenana woman .....	50 00
Munshi for Superintendent .....	50 00
Conveyance .....	84 00
Teacher .....	30 00
Rent for two houses .....	84 00
School requisites .....	15 00
Itinerating .....	32 00
<i>Calcutta</i> .....	250 00

Total for India .....

#### China.

<i>Foo Chow, Boarding school</i> .....	\$200 00
Passage for missionary .....	600 00
Outfit .....	200 00
Furniture .....	100 00
Salary .....	600 00
Incidentals .....	150 00
Woman's school .....	100 00
Ku Cheng day schools .....	300 00
Three medical students .....	108 00
East Street Dispensary .....	300 00
Deaconess .....	24 00
Stationery .....	5 00
<i>West China, School Furniture</i> .....	150 00
Boarding pupils, 10 .....	300 00
Dispensary .....	200 00
Towards building .....	500 00

Total for China .....

#### Japan.

<i>Tokio, Four scholarships</i> .....	\$160 00
<i>Nagasaki, Miss Everding's salary</i> .....	600 00
Miss Everding's incidentals .....	150 00
Miss Everding's personal teacher .....	100 00
Four scholars .....	160 00
<i>Hakodati, Towards building</i> .....	200 00
<i>Tokohama, Bible woman</i> .....	50 00

Total for Japan .....

#### Mexico.

<i>Mexico City, Orphans</i> .....	\$200 00
<i>Queretaro, Miss Swaney's salary</i> .....	600 00
Miss Swaney's incidentals .....	150 00
Miss Swaney's expense to annual meeting .....	25 00

Total for Mexico .....

#### Italy.

*Rome, Miss Quercia* .....



*Bulgaria.*

Towards building	\$250 00
Total appropriation	\$10,824 00
Contingent for West China	2,000 00

## CINCINNATI BRANCH.

*India.*

Lucknow, Miss Thoburn's salary	\$950 00
Scholarships	180 00
Repairs	167 00
Bible woman	200 00
Miss Blackmar's Home	450 00
Barabanki, schools and Bible-women	255 00
Seetapore, Bible-women	250 00
Girl's school	210 00
Keeping horse \$75, medicines \$30	105 00
Boarding school	125 00
Teacher	142 00
Cawnpore, Home building	594 00
Pithoragarh, Miss Nickerson's salary	950 00
Farm manager	50 00
Cowherd \$30, plowman \$75	105 00
Shahjehanpore, Schools	334 00
Assistant's salary	250 00
Conveyance	84 00
Bible women	225 00
Tilhur	84 00
Parwayan	54 00
Jalahabad	25 00
Bareilly	350 00
Bijnour	150 00
Moradabad Miss De Vine's salary	650 00
Scholarships	110 00
Naini Tal, Building	1,000 00
Lucknow, Building	500 00
Sending out two missionaries	1,600 00
Total for India	\$9,579 00

*China.*

Peking, Miss Sears	\$600 00
Expenses contingent to work	150 00
Teacher	75 00
Scholarships	120 00
Repairs and Postage	210 00
Hospital, current expenses	400 00
Gate-keeper	54 00
Matron	51 00
Home gate-keeper	54 00
Tientsin, Physician to be sent	1,500 00
Wall, etc	228 00
Day school, conveyance and books	150 00
Foo Chow, Boarding school	200 00
Hing Hua, Woman's school, 10 women	312 00
Teacher	48 00
Traveling expenses	30 00
Day Schools	250 00
One medical student	30 00
Total for China	\$4,471 00

*Japan.*

Tokio, Miss Holbrook's salary	\$600 00
Expenses contingent to work	150 00
Teacher	100 00
Scholarships	200 00

Fuel and lights	60 00
Servants	150 00
Provisional	500 00
Hakodati, Building	800 00
Well	150 00
Nagasaki, Miss Russell's salary	600 00
Expenses contingent to work	150 00
Teacher	100 00
Ground rent	275 00
Scholarships	600 00

\$4,435 00

*Italy.*

Bible woman in Turin	\$160 00
Bible woman in Perugia	150 00

Total for Italy \$310 00

*Bulgaria.*

Teachers	\$140 00
Building	500 00

Total for Bulgaria \$640 00

*South America.*

Montevideo, Rent	\$50 00
Buenos Ayres	200 00

Total for South America \$700 00

*Mexico.*

Mexico City, Orphanage	\$280 00
Porter	240 00
Orphans	350 00
Annual meeting expenses	25 00
Puebla, Miss Warner's salary	600 00
Expenses contingent to work	150 00
Salary of assistants	540 00
Rent	475 00
School supplies	180 00
Orizaba, Girls' school	300 00
Rent	240 00
Furniture and supplies	75 00
Bible women and supplies	100 00
Salary of missionary	600 00
Expenses contingent to work	150 00
Outfit and passage	350 00
Rent	120 00
Teacher	120 00

Total for Mexico \$4,955 00

Total for Cincinnati Branch \$25,090 00

## NORTHWESTERN BRANCH.

*India.*

Bijnour, Miss Rowe's salary	\$950 00
Scholarships in boarding school	312 50
Matron	60 00
Repairs school building and veranda	142 00
Moradabad, Mrs. Smith's salary	225 00
Boarding school	250 00
Munshi	25 00
Itinerating	42 00
Chandusi, Schools and Bible-women	175 00
Bareilly, Orphans	207 00
Miss Parnell's salary	225 00
Budaon, Sigler, boarding school	60 00
Medical work	42 00
Bible woman	50 00
Conveyance	84 00

<i>Panahpore</i> , Schools and Bible women.....	105 00
<i>Lucknow</i> , Miss Singh, assistant teacher.....	275 00
Scholarship.....	25 00
Assistant No. 1.....	175 00
On payment for building, Home for Friendless.....	200 00
<i>Cawnpore</i> , Site and School building.....	594 00
Assistant.....	225 00
<i>Paori</i> , Girls' school.....	233 00
<i>Dwara Hath</i> , Girls' school.....	90 00
<i>Pithoragarh</i> , Girls' school.....	135 00
<i>Bhar Bar Circuit</i> schools and Bible-women.....	125 00
<i>Naini Tal</i> , School building.....	1,500 00
India, one lady to be sent.....	1,500 00
Total for India.....	\$7,731 50

*South India.*

<i>Calcutta</i> , New school building.....	\$750 00
<i>Bombay</i> , Lady to be sent.....	1,500 00

Total for South India.....\$2,250 00

*Japan.*

<i>Tokio</i> , Scholarships.....	\$640 00
Two native teachers.....	300 00
Writing teacher.....	50 00
Land rent.....	250 00
Salary of Mrs. Van Petten.....	600 00
Incidentals.....	150 00
Personal teacher.....	100 00
<i>Tokohama</i> , Kanagawa sch'l teacher.....	300 00
Books, tracts and papers.....	75 00
<i>Nagasaki</i> , Scholarships.....	200 00
<i>Hakodati</i> , Scholarships.....	90 00
Teacher.....	140 00
Incidentals.....	200 00
Building.....	800 00

Total for Japan.....\$3,895 00

*China.*

<i>Foo Chow</i> , Insurance.....	\$32 50
Watchman.....	42 00
Repairs.....	45 00
One lady to be sent out.....	600 00
Outfit and furniture.....	300 00
Passage.....	600 00
Incidental expenses.....	150 00
Woman's school.....	300 00
Books and incidentals.....	60 00
Hospital and dispensary.....	400 00
A medical lady to be sent, passage.....	600 00
Outfit.....	200 00
Furniture.....	100 00
Salary.....	600 00
Incidentals.....	150 00
	\$4,170 50

*North China.*

<i>Peking</i> , Two scholarships.....	100 00
<i>Tientsin</i> , Bible women.....	50 00
Dr. Howard's salary.....	600 00
Expenses contingent to her work.....	150 00
Hospital current expenses.....	400 00
Hospital gate-keeper.....	54 00
Home gate-keeper.....	54 00

Traveling expenses.....	50 00
Building for training school.....	250 00
	\$1,708 00

*West China.*

<i>Chung King</i> , Salary of Miss Wheeler.....	\$600 00
Contingent expenses.....	150 00
Personal teacher.....	67 00
Purchase of building.....	3,000 00
<i>Chin Kiang</i> , Lady to be sent.....	000 00
Incidental expenses.....	150 00
Passage.....	600 00
Outfit.....	200 00
Furniture.....	100 00
Rent and house furniture.....	400 00
Medical Outfit.....	500 00
	\$6,367 00

Total for China.....\$12,254 50

*Mexico.*

<i>Mexico City</i> , Postage.....	\$30 00
Inland revenue, stamps.....	20 00
Rent of home.....	300 00
Second Mexican assistant.....	300 00
Repairs and incidentals.....	50 00
Lights.....	144 00
Medical fees and medicine.....	100 00
Orphan.....	75 00
<i>Pachuca</i> , Salary of Mexican assistants.....	500 00
Total for Mexico.....	\$1,514 00

*Italy.*

Lady to be sent out, salary.....	\$600 00
Incidental expenses.....	150 00
Traveling expenses.....	400 00
Outfit.....	300 00
Rent.....	200 00
Furniture.....	300 00
<i>Bologna</i> , Bible-reader.....	100 00

Total for Italy.....\$2,110 00

*Bulgaria.*

<i>Loficha</i> , Scholarships.....	\$140 00
School building.....	2,250 00
Total for Bulgaria.....	\$2,390 00

*South America.*

<i>Rosario</i> , House rent.....	\$360 00
Education of girls.....	150 00
Assistant in school.....	250 00
Salary of Miss L. B. Denning.....	000 00
Incidental expenses.....	150 00
<i>Montevideo</i> , Salary of Miss Guelfi.....	600 00
Incidental expenses.....	150 00
Assistant teachers.....	600 00
Cleaning and repairs.....	60 00
<i>Buenos Ayres</i> , Rent.....	200 00
Salary of Miss Goodenough.....	600 00
Incidental expenses.....	150 00

Total for South America.....\$3,870 00

Grand total.....\$40,000 00

## WESTERN BRANCH.

## India.

<i>Rohilkund District, Bijnour, Miss D'Abreu's salary</i> .....	\$300 00
Rent of Mission Home.....	100 00
<i>Barcilly, Orphanage girls</i> .....	586 00
Dr. Deases's medical class.....	84 00
<i>Budaon, Assistant's salary</i> .....	225 00
Sigler boarding school.....	505 00
Repairs and matron.....	105 00
Bilsil.....	84 00
Data Gung.....	25 00
<i>Lucknow, Zenanawork, Miss Blackmar's salary</i> .....	650 00
Assistant No. 2.....	225 00
Horses and conveyance.....	209 00
Munshi.....	50 00
<i>Gondah, Assistants</i> .....	225 00
Purchase of conveyance.....	209 00
Bible women.....	90 00
Repairs.....	21 00
Schools.....	70 00
<i>Colonel Gunge, Bible woman and schools</i> .....	160 00
<i>Nawab Gunge</i> .....	112 00
<i>Bahraich</i> .....	234 00
<i>Cawnpore, Ladies' Home and building</i> .....	594 00
<i>Kumaon District—</i>	
<i>Paori Gurhwal, Orphanage and boarding school</i> .....	233 00
Medical.....	42 00
<i>Paori District, Bible women</i> .....	60 00
<i>Pithoragarh, Miss Budden's salary</i> .....	650 00
Girl's school (nine girls).....	135 00
Two teachers.....	50 00
Matron.....	35 00
Repairs.....	42 00
<i>Naini Tal, English girls' school building</i> .....	1,000 00
Missionary to be sent.....	1,500 00

Total for India..... \$8,670 00

South India..... 500 00

## China.

<i>Foo Chow, Girl's boarding school, scholarships</i> .....	\$200 00
Woman's school.....	100 00
<i>Hok Chiang District, Day schools</i> .....	300 00
One to be opened.....	50 00
One Bible woman.....	24 00
<i>Peking, Boarding school, scholarships</i> .....	400 00
Tartar city day schools.....	75 00
Matron.....	40 00
Current expenses training school.....	300 00
Traveling expenses.....	200 00
Teacher.....	60 00
Building for training school.....	250 00
<i>West China—</i>	
<i>Chung King, Rent</i> .....	300 00
Repairs and improvements.....	50 00
Watchman.....	34 00
Teacher.....	67 00

Total for China..... \$2,510 00

## Japan.

<i>Tokio, Scholarships, six, \$40</i> .....	\$240 00
Two native teachers.....	230 00
Two sewing teachers.....	60 00
Tracts and papers.....	50 00

Medical attendance.....	125 00
<i>Yokohama, Miss Watson's salary</i> .....	600 00
Expenses contingent to work.....	150 00
Personal teacher.....	100 00
Wages of watchman.....	60 00
<i>Nagasaki, Scholarships, five, \$40</i> .....	200 00
School.....	50 00
<i>Nagasaki, Salary of Dr. F. N. Hamisfar</i> .....	600 00
Personal teacher.....	60 00
Expenses contingent to work.....	150 00
Fuel and lights.....	200 00
One teacher.....	140 00
Scholarships.....	90 00
Building home.....	800 00

Total for Japan..... \$3,925 00

## Mexico.

<i>Mexico City, Orphanage rent and water tax</i> .....	\$200 00
Orphans.....	450 00
Legal fees.....	25 00
<i>Miraflores, School supplies</i> .....	75 00
Rent.....	240 00
Repairs on furniture.....	30 00
<i>Ayapango, Salary of teacher</i> .....	180 00
School supplies.....	50 00
Rent.....	100 00
Bible woman.....	60 00
Bible, tracts, etc.....	40 00
Travels and postage.....	30 00
<i>Guanaguato, Girls' school, salary of teacher</i> .....	300 00
Rent.....	240 00
School requisites.....	00 00
Furniture.....	40 00
Traveling expenses.....	00 00
Bible woman.....	120 00
Supplies.....	80 00
Erection of new house in Ayapango.....	200 00

Total for Mexico..... \$2,640 00

## Italy.

<i>Rome, Miss C. Benincasa</i> .....	\$200 00
<i>Pisa and Pantedro, Mrs. Stacio</i> .....	160 00
<i>Venoso, Mrs. Conte</i> .....	160 00

Total for Italy..... \$520 00

## South America.

<i>Rosario, Education of girls</i> .....	\$200 00
Furniture.....	200 00
Assistant teachers.....	250 00
Mrs. Turney's salary.....	600 00
Furniture.....	300 00
<i>Montevideo, Assistant teachers</i> .....	200 00
<i>Buenos Ayres, Rent</i> .....	140 00

Total for South America..... \$1,590 00

## South India.

Calcutta. New building for school \$500 00

## Bulgaria.

<i>Loftcha, Three scholarships</i> .....	\$60 00
Furniture and Bible woman.....	110 00

Total for Bulgaria..... \$170 00

Total for Branch..... \$11,025 00

## SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1883-4.

BRANCH.	INDIA.	CHINA.	JAPAN.	MEXICO.	SOUTH AMERICA.	ITALY.	BULGARIA.	CONFIN'T.	TOTAL.
New England	\$9,284 50	\$4,454 00	\$3,300 00	\$825 00	\$1,650 00	\$160 00	\$580 00	\$800 00	\$21,953 50
New York	10,488 00	6,064 00	4,888 00	4,575 00	1,300 00	2,070 00	1,060 00	1,000 00	31,445 00
Philadelphia	7,701 00	518 00	4,645 00	2,145 00	300 00	250 00		1,441 00	17,000 00
Baltimore	3,392 00	3,837 00	1,420 00	975 00		250 00	250 00	500 00	10,824 00
Cincinnati	9,579 00	4,471 00	4,435 00	4,955 00	700 00	310 00	640 00		25,090 00
Northwestern	9,081 50	12,254 50	3,895 00	1,519 00	3,870 00	2,110 00	2,390 00	3,980 00	40,000 00
Western	9,170 00	2,510 00	3,925 00	2,640 00	1,890 00	520 00	170 00	800 00	21,625 00
TOTAL	\$59,796 00	\$34,108 50	\$26,508 00	\$17,634 00	\$9,710 00	\$5,670 00	\$5,090 00	\$8,521 00	\$167,037 50

## LIST OF REAL ESTATE BELONGING TO W. F. M. S.

INDIA.		CHINA.	
<i>Bijnour</i> .—School building	\$3,000 00	<i>Peking</i> .—Hospital	\$5,500 00
<i>Budaon</i> .—School building	3,000 00	Home and school	7,976 00
<i>Bareilly</i> .—Home (43 acres)	12,500 00	<i>Liu Kiang</i> .—School building and home (dispensary \$600)	7,000 00
Hospital	9,000 00	<i>Foochow</i> .—School building	6,000 00
Orphanage	3,000 00	Hospital	12,000 00
<i>Moradabad</i> .—School building	2,000 00	<i>Tientsin</i> .—Hospital and home	
Home	3,500 00	JAPAN.	
<i>Lacknow</i> .—School building	3,000 00	<i>Tokio</i> .—School building	10,000 00
Home	7,360 00	<i>Hakodati</i> .—Home and school	5,800 00
Boarding halls	2,300 00	<i>Nagasaki</i> .—	9,000 00
<i>Cawnpore</i> .—School building	8,000 00	MEXICO.	
<i>Paori</i> .—Orphanage	1,500 00	<i>Pachuca</i> .—Home	5,500 00
<i>Gonza</i> .—School building	300 00	SOUTH AMERICA.	
<i>Amorah</i> .—Sanitarium	4,000 00	<i>Rosario</i> .—Home and school building	10,000 00
<i>Pithoragarh</i> .—Home for friendless women...	1,500 00		

# CONSTITUTION

OF THE

## WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

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### ARTICLE I.—NAME.

This association shall be called "THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH."

### ARTICLE II.—PURPOSE.

The purpose of this Society is to engage and unite the efforts of Christian women in sending female missionaries to women in the foreign mission fields of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and in supporting them and native Christian teachers and Bible readers in those fields.

### ARTICLE III.—MEMBERSHIP.

The payment of one dollar annually shall constitute membership, and twenty dollars life membership. Any person paying one hundred dollars shall become an Honorary Manager for life, and the contribution of three hundred dollars shall constitute the donor an Honorary Patron for life.

### ARTICLE IV.—ORGANIZATION.

The organization of this Society shall consist of a General Executive Committee, Co-ordinate Branches, and Auxiliary Societies, to be constituted and limited as laid down in subsequent articles.

### ARTICLE V.—GENERAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

SECTION 1. The management and general administration of the affairs of the Society shall be vested in a General Executive Committee, consisting of the Corresponding Secretary and two delegates from each Branch, which delegates, together with two reserves, shall be elected at the Branch annual meetings, said meetings to be held within two months before the meeting of the General Executive Committee. Said Committee shall meet at Boston the third Wednesday in April, 1870, and annually, or oftener, thereafter, at such time and place as the General Executive Committee shall annually determine.

SEC. 2. The duties of the General Executive Committee shall be:

1. To take into consideration the interests and demands of the entire work of the Society, as presented in the reports of Branch Corresponding Secretaries, and in the estimates of the needs of Mission fields; to ascertain the financial condition of the Society; to appropriate its money in accordance with the



purposes and method herein indicated; to devise means for carrying forward the work of the Society; fixing the amounts to be raised; employing new missionaries, designating their fields of labor, examining the reports of those already employed, and arranging with the several Branches the work to be undertaken by each.

2. To appoint a committee, consisting of one from each Branch, to have charge of the missionary paper of the Society, and to arrange for the publication of an annual report of the work of the Society.

3. To transact any other business that the interests of the Society may demand, provided all the plans and directions of the Committee shall be in harmony with the provisions of the Constitution.

#### ARTICLE VI.—BRANCHES.

SECTION I. The organizations already formed at Boston, New York, Philadelphia, Chicago, and Cincinnati, shall be regarded as co-ordinate Branches of this Society, on their acceptance of this relationship under the provisions of the present Constitution.

SEC. 2. Other Branches may be organized in accordance with the following general plan for districting the territory of the Church:—

Districts.	States.	Headquarters.
I.	New England States.....	Boston.
II.	New York and New Jersey.....	New York.
III.	Pennsylvania and Delaware.....	Philadelphia.
IV.	Maryland, District of Columbia and Virginia.....	Baltimore.
V.	Ohio, West Virginia, Kentucky and Tennessee.....	Cincinnati.
VI.	Illinois, Indiana, Michigan and Wisconsin.....	Chicago.
VII.	Minnesota and Dakota.....	Minneapolis.
VIII.	Iowa and Missouri.....	Des Moines.
IX.	Kansas, Nebraska, Colorado and Wyoming.....	Topeka.
X.	Arkansas, Mississippi, Louisiana and Texas.....	New Orleans.
XI.	North Carolina, South Carolina, Alabama, Georgia and Florida.....	Atlanta.
XII.	Pacific Coast.....	San Francisco.

This plan, however, may be changed by an affirmative vote of three-fourths of the members of the General Executive Committee present at any annual meeting of the same.

SEC. 3. The officers of each Branch Society shall consist of a President, not less than ten Vice-Presidents, a Recording Secretary, a Corresponding Secretary, a Treasurer, an Auditor, and not less than ten Managers. These, with the exception of Auditor, shall constitute an Executive Committee, for the administration of the affairs of the Branch, nine of whom shall be a quorum for the transaction of business. These officers shall be elected at the annual meeting of the Branch, and shall continue in office until others are chosen in their stead.

SEC. 4. The President, or one of the Vice-Presidents, shall preside at all meetings of the Branch and of its Executive Committee.

The Recording Secretary shall notify all meetings of the Branch and of the Executive Committee, and shall keep a full record of the proceedings.

The Corresponding Secretary shall, under the direction of the Executive Committee, conduct the correspondence of the Society with foreign missionaries, with the other Branches, and with its Auxiliary Societies (hereinafter mentioned), and shall endeavor, by all practical means, to form Auxiliary Societies within the prescribed territory of the Branch. It shall also be her duty to present to the annual meeting of the General Executive Committee a report of the work of the Branch during the year, for publication in its annual report.

The Treasurer shall receive all contributions to the Branch, keeping proper books of account, and shall make such disposition of the funds as the Executive Committee may direct, each order of the Committee being duly signed by the Corresponding Secretary.

SEC. 5. The Executive Committee shall have supervision of all the work assigned to the Branch by the General Executive Committee, and may order the disbursement of the funds required for that work, provide for all the wants, and receive all the reports of the missionaries, Bible women and teachers, who, by the plan of the General Executive Committee, are to be supported by the Branch.

SEC. 6. No Branch shall project new work or undertake the support of new missionaries, except by the direction or with the approval of the General Executive Committee.

SEC. 7. Each Branch may make its own by-laws, regulating its meetings and those of its Executive Committee, also any others which may be deemed necessary to its efficiency, not inconsistent with this Constitution.

#### ARTICLE VII.—AUXILIARY SOCIETIES.

Any number of women who shall contribute not less than ten dollars annually may form a society auxiliary to that Branch of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, within whose prescribed territorial limits they may reside, by appointing a President, three or more Vice Presidents or Managers, a Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, and Treasurer, who together shall constitute a local Executive Committee.

#### ARTICLE VIII.—RELATION TO THE MISSIONARY AUTHORITIES OF THE CHURCH.

SECTION 1. This Society will work in harmony with and under the supervision of the authorities of the Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and be subject to their approval in the employment and remuneration of missionaries, the designation of their fields of labor, and in the general plans and designs of its work.

SEC. 2. All missionaries supported by the Society shall be approved by the constituted missionary authorities of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and

shall labor under the direction of the authorities of the Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and of the particular missions of the Society in which they may be severally employed; and they shall be subject to the same rules and regulations that govern the other missionaries in those particular missions.

SEC. 3. The funds of the Society shall not be raised by collections or subscriptions taken during any church services, or in any promiscuous public meetings; but shall be raised by securing members, life members, honorary managers, and patrons, and by such other methods as will not interfere with the ordinary collections or contributions for the treasury of the Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

#### ARTICLE IX.—CHANGE OF CONSTITUTION.

This Constitution may be changed at any annual meeting of the General Executive Committee, by a two-thirds vote of each Branch delegation, notice of the proposed change having been given at the previous annual meeting: but Article VIII. shall not be changed except with the concurrence of the Board of Managers of the Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

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### BY-LAWS OF THE GENERAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

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I. The General Executive Committee shall convene the first week in November.

II. The President and Corresponding Secretary of the Branch within whose precincts the meeting of the General Executive Committee is to be held, shall fix the exact date of the meeting of said committee, and arrange for the anniversary exercises.

III. The Branch Corresponding Secretaries shall meet two days before the time of the meeting of the General Executive Committee, for the purpose of nominating the members of the standing committees, and planning work for its sessions, and report the same at the opening of said Committee.

IV. The Corresponding Secretary of the Branch within the bounds of which the Committee convenes, shall preside over its meetings until a permanent organization is effected.

V. The order of business shall be as follows:

1. Calling the roll.
2. Election of President and Secretary.
3. Appointment of Standing Committees, *i. e.*, Committee on Publication, Committee on Finance, Committee on Application of Missionary Candidates, Committee on By-Laws.

4. Reports of Corresponding Secretaries.
5. Report of Committee of Reference.
6. Report of Standing Committee on *Heathen Woman's Friend*.
7. Reports of Official Correspondents and presentation of information from foreign work.
8. Memorials, petitions, and estimates.
9. Fixing place of next meeting.
10. Notices of constitutional amendments.
11. Miscellaneous business.
12. Reports of Standing Committees daily, immediately after reading of minutes.

VI. The rules of order shall be as follows :

1. Each session shall open and close with devotional exercises.
2. All resolutions to be discussed shall be presented in writing.
3. All ladies speaking shall rise when they address the Chair.
4. No member shall be granted leave of absence except by a vote of the entire body.

VII. It shall be the duty of the Recording Secretary of the General Executive Committee to forward to our foreign treasurers, as soon as practicable after adjournment, a copy of the appropriations for each mission.

VIII. The Secretary of each meeting of the General Executive Committee shall keep a full record of all proceedings, and enter them upon a suitable book of record, which shall be deposited in the safe of the *Heathen Woman's Friend*, and shall be transmitted to the next meeting of the General Executive Committee by the Corresponding Secretary of the New England Branch.

IX. A committee of two shall be appointed by the General Executive Committee to edit and publish a full report of the work of the Society as soon as practicable after the adjournment of said committee.

## BY-LAWS OF THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

### I.—BRANCH CORRESPONDING SECRETARIES.

1. The Branch Corresponding Secretaries shall superintend all the interests of their respective Branches ; conduct the correspondence of the Society with foreign missionaries ; be present at all Branch quarterly meetings, and present a quarterly report of the work of the Branch, and give to the public, or direct to be given, all communications and plans of the business of their respective Branches.

2. Each Corresponding Secretary shall be required to furnish in her report to the General Executive Committee the following items : Number of Auxiliary Societies, members, life members, honorary patrons and managers, subscribers

to the *Heathen Woman's Friend*, and the receipts of the Treasurer. In her report of the foreign work she shall include the number of missionaries, Bible readers, boarding schools and orphans supported by her branch.

## II.—BRANCH TREASURERS.

1. Branch Treasurers shall be required to publish each month in the *Heathen Woman's Friend* their report of moneys received. They shall forward the appropriations immediately after the close of the General Executive Committee, according to the appropriations for the next year, sending them directly to the Foreign treasurers.

2. The financial year of the Society shall commence October 1. Branch Treasurers shall close their accounts for the year by September 30, as nearly as possible.

3. All missionary money, except that paid for annual memberships, may be used to make life members, honorary managers, and patrons.

4. The money received from annual memberships shall not be used to make life members, honorary managers, or honorary patrons. Life memberships shall be made by the payment of twenty dollars, given specifically for that purpose. If in installments, the final payment shall be made as soon as practicable, and the membership reported as complete only when that has been done; all installments to be credited on the Treasurer's book and acknowledged in the *Heathen Woman's Friend*.

5. In case any Branch is unable to meet the obligations it has assumed, any other Branch may, by the action of its Executive Board, be permitted to use its surplus funds in aid of the Branch deficient.

## III.—FOREIGN TREASURERS.

1. Our foreign treasurers shall forward their estimates, properly approved, to the Corresponding Secretary of the New York Branch, that she may present them to the authorities of the General Missionary Society for their action, on or before the first of October.

2. The salary of our missionaries shall be paid in foreign fields on the basis of American gold.

3. The funds of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society shall be entirely under the control of the General Executive Committee, to be used only for the purposes designated by that Committee.

4. If any surplus funds remain in the foreign treasuries from unused appropriations, exchange, or any other source, they must be reported to the Branches from whose moneys they accrue.

## IV.—OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENTS.

1. The Branch Corresponding Secretaries shall correspond with the missionaries so as to be able to present a full report of the work in each mission, such information to be presented to the General Executive Committee, the fields assigned to the several secretaries to be arranged by themselves.



## V.—THE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE.

1. The Committee of Reference shall be composed of the Branch Corresponding Secretaries.
2. It shall meet immediately after the adjournment of the General Executive Committee, and organize by the election of a Chairman and Secretary.
3. All cases of emergency that would come before the General Executive Committee, arising in the interim of its sessions, shall be submitted to this Committee, and be decided by a majority vote.
4. The chairman shall send each resolution that is submitted to the committee to each member, and when all have returned their votes, she shall declare the result, and order the secretary to record both resolution and votes.
5. The committee shall present a full report of its action during the year to the General Executive Committee for approval and permanent record.

## VI.—REQUIREMENTS FOR MISSIONARY CANDIDATES.

1. A missionary candidate must believe herself divinely called to the work of a foreign missionary, and assert her belief that she is actuated only by a desire to work in accordance with God's will.
2. She must here indicate her ability to work in a foreign field by Christian usefulness at home.
3. She must declare her intention to make foreign missionary work the service of her effective years, and agree to give at least five of these years of continuous service, as a single woman, to the work of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, unless prevented by ill health; she must also assert her willingness to labor in any field, though her preference is always to be taken into account.
4. She must furnish satisfactory testimonials in regard to scholarship, and experience in teaching and a knowledge of medicine and nursing are desirable qualifications.
5. The age of a candidate must not be less than twenty-two years, nor more than thirty. A thorough intellectual training, with a facility in acquiring languages, and a remarkable ability for Christian work, may be considered as a sufficient reason for deviation from this rule.
6. Financial and executive ability, and power of adaptation to circumstances, are essential qualifications.
7. She must present a certificate of health from a competent physician, and give satisfactory answers to the medical questions authorized by the General Executive Committee of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.
8. That every missionary candidate be required to sign the following contract:  
I, ———, agree to conform to the above requirements and conditions while in the employ of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, and failing in this, to refund the amount of outfit and passage money.
9. After the adoption of a missionary candidate, she shall be regarded

as under the direction of the General Executive Committee, and of the Committee of Reference, in the interim of the sessions of that committee.

10. The testimonials of missionary candidates shall cover the following particulars: Divine call, religious experience and usefulness, intellectual qualities and culture, business and natural ability, and health. In order to fulfill these conditions, the candidate is requested to answer the following questions:

1. Do you trust that you are inwardly moved by the Holy Ghost to take upon you the work of a foreign missionary?

2. Do you desire and intend to make this your life-work, and are you willing to labor in any field?

3. Have you any experimental knowledge of salvation through the atonement of Jesus Christ our Lord?

4. Have you an earnest desire to win souls to Christ, and how has this desire been manifest in the past?

5. Do you believe in the doctrines of the Methodist Episcopal Church, as set forth in section 2 of the Discipline?

6. Have you a thorough English education?

7. Have you studied Latin or any modern language; what proficiency have you made, and do you readily acquire the same?

8. In what schools have you taught, and with what success?

9. Have you a knowledge of music, either vocal or instrumental.

10. What is the condition of your health?

11. Have you ever been married? If so, is your husband living?

12. Will you answer by *testimonials* to each of these questions?

#### VII.—INSTRUCTIONS TO MISSIONARIES.

The attention of the missionaries of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society is called especially to Art. VIII., Sec. 2, of Constitution; in compliance with which they will consult the superintendent of the mission in which they are laboring on all general plans of their work, and advise with him as to the most effective measures to be taken in the purchase of property, building, and any important undertaking belonging to their special interest.

1. They are expected to attend the annual meeting or conference of their mission, that they may confer with the other members of the mission upon all topics connected with their own department, and will report quarterly to the superintendent.

2. They will be expected to devote their entire time and attention to their legitimate work, as all their temporal necessities will be provided for by the Society.

3. They are required to send annual and quarterly reports to the Corresponding Secretary having charge of their work; and the action of the General Executive Committee will be communicated to them through that Secretary, or the correspondent appointed for their field by said committee, and no other instructions are to be considered as official.

4. They, with the wives of missionaries who labor in the interest of this Society, shall constitute a committee to prepare, at each session of the Conference or annual meeting of the missionaries, the estimates for the ensuing year, which estimates shall have the sanction of said Conference or annual meeting before being forwarded to the General Executive Committee.

5. They shall incur no expense during the year to be met by this Society for which the estimate has not previously been submitted to and approved by the General Executive Committee at its annual meeting.

6. They shall credit to the Society all donations received for the support of their work, and annually report the same with their financial statement.

7. All solicitations for funds for special work must be made through the proper official authorities, and missionaries are instructed not to apply to private sources for aid for support of their work.

8. A medical missionary shall be accountable to the Branch from which she is sent. She shall keep an itemized account of all receipts and disbursements; such receipts may be used for necessary expenses in her medical work, any surplus being remitted to the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, and her medical outfit shall be the property of the same.

9. If there prove to be a manifest unfitness for missionary labor, the General Executive Committee may cancel its obligations to a missionary whom it has appointed, three months' notice having been given to such appointee by the Committee of Reference; return passage to be paid by the Society, provided she return at the expiration of the three months.

10. All rules pertaining to the relations of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, with its missionaries, shall be published in the general Annual Report.

11. The Corresponding Secretaries of the Branch by which any missionary is sent, shall be required to sign the following contract:

I, ———, Corresponding Secretary of ——— Branch, by which the money is raised for the support of ———, agree, on the part of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, to pay the traveling expenses of ———, from the time of her leaving home to that of her arrival in her field of labor, and also her salary from the latter date. In case of illness, I agree, on the part of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, to submit a resolution to the General Executive Committee, or, in the interim of its sessions, to the Committee of Reference, asking the privilege of her return home. Such permission being granted, I agree to pay her return passage; and if she expresses her intention to return to foreign missionary work, her salary for the first year at the rate of \$350. In case she declines to return, at the rate of \$300 per year.

In case of emergency demanding her immediate return home, she shall bring a certificate of disability from a physician and the superintendent of the mission.

12. Missionaries shall be paid \$200 for personal outfit, and \$100 for the furnishing of the Home, the latter to be the property of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.

13. Each returned missionary shall attend the first General Executive Committee session after her return, and her traveling expenses to and from the place of meeting shall be met by the Branch supporting her.

#### VIII.—OFFICIAL RELATION OF LADY MISSIONARIES.

1. The decision of the Bishops, given May, 1881, as to the relations of teachers in mission schools, is as follows: "In the judgment of the Bishops it is not within the right of the superintendent of a mission to remove lay teachers from the schools to which they have been appointed, nor to interfere authoritatively with the internal arrangements of the schools, unless such right be expressly granted by the missionary authorities at New York. In case of difference between appointee and the mission (including the superintendent), which cannot be adjusted between the parties without unreasonable delay, we recommend that such difference, with the papers and facts, be referred by the parties to the Bishop in charge, for final decision. It is our judgment that the missionaries sent by the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society should be permitted to be present at the meetings of the mission and to speak on all matters relating to their work."

2. We accept the relation of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society to the authorities of the Church and to our workers in the field, as interpreted by the delegated Conference in India, in their session of 1881, as follows:

1st. In general, the position of a lady missionary placed in charge of work in connection with any of our circuits or stations, is the same as that of a second missionary or "junior preacher," to whom special work is assigned.

2d. In particular. The general plans of work, such as establishing new schools, employing and dismissing head teachers, arranging terms of tuition, board, etc., and preparing a course of study, when these matters are not fixed by trustees or by an educational committee; selecting classes of people among whom work may most successfully be carried on; arranging dispensaries, and deciding the proportion of medical work to be given to natives and Europeans, Christians and non-Christians, etc. All such *general plans* shall be arranged by the lady in charge of the special department of work, after free consultation with the superintendent or Presiding Elder.

3d. The lady missionary in charge of work has full liberty to do the work assigned her in her own way, and to carry out the internal arrangements of her department in the manner which she deems best adapted to secure success.

4th. The relation of the Superintendent or Presiding Elder to the work under the charge of a lady, is the same as it would be were it in charge of a Member of Conference—he having a general advisory supervision, auditing the accounts (when not done by trustees), making suggestions, etc., exactly as with all the other work of his district.

5th. Lady missionaries in charge of work, and all missionaries of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, are appointed by the President of Conference, at the same time and in the same manner that the appointments of Conference are made. Should, however, a President of Conference at any

time decline so to appoint, the Superintendent or Presiding Elders in Council will arrange the same.

6th. All new buildings and expensive repairs or changes shall receive the sanction of the Superintendent or Presiding Elder, even though no appropriation of money be asked.

7th. A class of laborers are employed in our work, known as "assistants." In the employment or dismissal of these ladies, the consent of the Superintendent of Mission or of the Presiding Elder must be secured. They may be transferred by the Presiding Elder with the consent of the lady in charge of the department in which they are employed. When these lady assistants, being members of our Church, have, by several years of faithful service, come to be received as belonging permanently to our body of laborers, they may, on the recommendation of the Ladies' Society, when such exists, or by a Quarterly Conference, be formally recognized by Conference, and appointed the same as lady missionaries are.

8th. In case of a transfer of a lady missionary or an "assistant" from one Conference or charge to another, a written permission shall be secured, signed by Superintendent or Presiding Elder in whose jurisdiction the person may be employed, when, according to the condition in Rule 7, the engagement may be completed.

#### IX.—HEATHEN WOMAN'S FRIEND.

1. The paper of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society shall be known as the *Heathen Woman's Friend*.

2. Its editor and agent shall be elected annually, by the General Executive Committee.

3. In the interim of the sessions of the General Executive Committee, the management of the paper shall be under the control of the Publication Committee provided by the Constitution.

#### X.—CONSTITUTIONAL PUBLICATION COMMITTEE.

1. This Committee shall be composed of the Branch Corresponding Secretaries.

2. It shall meet and organize immediately after the adjournment of the General Executive Committee, by the election of a chairman and secretary.

3. The agent of the *Heathen Woman's Friend* shall give the chairman an itemized report of the receipts and expenditures of the paper, properly audited, by the 1st of October, and another six months thereafter. If she finds it necessary to deviate from the published instructions of the General Executive Committee, she shall lay the matter before this Committee, and be subject to its direction. \*

4. The agent of the *Heathen Woman's Friend* shall commence and close her financial year with October 1.

5. If the office of editor or agent becomes vacant during the year, this Committee shall have power to fill the vacancy.



6. The traveling expenses of the editor of the *Heathen Woman's Friend*, and of the editor of Leaflets, to and from the sessions of the General Executive Committee, shall be paid from the funds of the *Heathen Woman's Friend*.

7. This Committee shall meet prior to each session of the General Executive Committee, and report to that body the work of the year.

8. These By-Laws may be amended at any meeting of the General Executive Committee, by a two-thirds vote of the members present.

## PLAN OF UNIFORM READINGS FOR 1884.

*Under charge of Mrs. J. T. Gracey.*

*January*—Mrs. E. W. Parker. Beginnings of Woman's Work in India.

*February*—Mrs. H. Wheeler. History of Our Orphanages.

*March*—Miss M. A. Spencer. Revival Work in Japan.

*April*—Mrs. I. L. Hauser. Missionary Music.

*May*—Mrs. Dr. S. L. Baldwin. Medical Work of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.

*June*—Miss S. Keely. The Work of Bible Women.

*July*—Mrs. B. H. Badley. City Schools.

*August*—Mrs. Dr. Dorchester. Tabulated Summary of Home and Foreign Work.

*September*—Mrs. J. T. Gracey. Missionary Literature.

*October*—Mrs. R. Haskins. Village Schools.

*November*—Mrs. Mary C. Nind. Plans for Raising Missionary Money.

*December*—Miss P. J. Walden. History of the *Heathen Woman's Friend*.

## ACTION OF THE GENERAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE IN REFERENCE TO THE "ZENANA" PAPER.

WHEREAS, With gratitude we recognize the fact that the progress of our educational and zenana work in India makes the supply of a current literature, especially adapted to women and children, a necessity for conserving and developing our work ; and,

WHEREAS, This necessity is strongly urged by our Bishops and others who have visited India and looked into the matter, and by the two India mission conferences, including the representatives of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society ; and,

WHEREAS, An enterprise of such importance should be placed upon the most permanent basis possible, therefore,

*Resolved*, That during the next year, which is the centennial of our Methodism, we, as members of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society,

recommend a special thank offering of \$25,000 over and above our regular missionary operations, or our centennial offerings for other objects directed by the church, this offering to be appropriated to the purpose of printing an illustrated zenana periodical, especially adapted to the wants of women and children.

*Resolved*, That the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society request Rev. Thos. Craven to take charge of the publication of this paper for the coming year, in connection with the help he may receive from the ladies of the Missionary Society in India.

*Resolved*, That we authorize the first issue of the paper during the month of January, 1884, or as soon after as possible, the cost for the first year to be defrayed from the surplus funds of the *Heathen Woman's Friend*, the amount not to exceed \$1,200.

*Resolved*, That the Branch corresponding secretaries of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society constitute a committee for the control and investment of funds thus collected.

*Resolved*, That we request Mrs. W. B. Skidmore to act as treasurer for this fund.

*Resolved*, That we request Mrs. J. T. Gracey to prepare and issue for general circulation a leaflet, giving the facts and reasons in the case.

*Resolved*, That we extend our thanks to the lady who has so kindly offered to give the last \$5,000 toward the \$25,000 named.

#### ON CANDIDATES.

WHEREAS, We believe no service in connection with the meeting of the General Executive Committee more grave and responsible than that imposed upon the Committee for Missionary Candidates, and recognizing the necessity for clearest light and fullest information to guide them in the formation of their judgment, and believing that "in the multitude of counselors there is safety," therefore,

*Resolved*, That each Branch appoint a standing committee of five, of which the Branch corresponding secretary shall be chairman, who shall investigate the case of any lady within the limits of the Branch who makes application to be sent out by this Society; two or more of this committee shall see the lady, if practicable, before her papers are sent to the Reference Committee, or to the committee appointed at the General Executive meeting.

*Resolved*, That a report of this examination as to divine call, Christian character and qualifications shall accompany other testimonials.

#### GENERAL CONFERENCE.

WHEREAS, It is customary to present a quadrennial report of the work of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society to the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, therefore,

*Resolved*, That a committee be appointed by this General Executive Committee to prepare and present a paper to the approaching General Conference, to be held in the city of Philadelphia, in May, 1884.

*Resolved*, That a committee of all or part of the Branch corresponding secretaries (as they shall deem expedient) be appointed, to meet in Philadelphia during the session of said Conference, that they may confer with the authorities of the church in regard to any matter that they (the church authorities or committee) may choose to present.

Mrs. Skidmore was appointed to prepare the report to be presented.

#### ON FINANCE.

*Resolved*, That our treasurers in foreign fields be instructed to make their financial reports to the Branch corresponding secretaries.

*Resolved*, That Mrs. Prescott, in connection with the corresponding secretaries of Topeka and Minneapolis Branches, be authorized to arrange for the assignment of the appropriations made at this General Executive meeting under the head of the Western Branch.

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### SOME BOOKS SUITABLE FOR REFERENCE AND USE IN AUXILIARIES

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Protestant Foreign Missions, Theodore Christleib, D. D., Ph. D., Congregational Publishing House, Boston.

Christ and Other Masters, Archdeacon Hardwick.

Comparative History of Religions, by J. C. Moffatt.

Christianity and Islam, by Rev. R. N. Stephens.

The Mohammedan Missionary Problem, by Rev. H. Jessup.

Ten Great Religions of the World, Rev. J. Freeman Clark.

Lectures on Missions, Max Muller.

Missionary Life Among the Villages of India, by Rev. T. J. Scott, Walden & Stowe, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Go or Send, Dr. A. Haygood.

Our Oriental Missions, Bishop Thompson.

Round the World, Bishop Kingsley.

Our Next Door Neighbor. Mexico. Bishop Haven.

Problem of Religious Progress, Daniel Dorchester, D. D.

The Message, C. H. Fowler, D. D., Phillips & Hunt, New York.

Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church, by Rev. J. M. Reid, D. D., Phillips & Hunt, New York.

Medical Work of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, by Mrs. J. T. Gracey, Rochester.

Historical Sketches of Woman's Missionary Societies in England and America, Mrs. L. H. Daggett, Boston,

A Woman's Talk About India, by Miss H. G. Brittan, American S. S. Union.

Women of the Orient, by Rev. Ross C. Houghton, Walden & Stowe.

Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the M. E. Church, by Mrs. Mary Sparks Wheeler, Phillips Hunt, New York.

Heerah, by Mrs. E. J. Humphrey, Long & Putnam, Boston, Mass.

Land of the Veda, by Rev. William Butler, Phillips & Hunt, New York.

The Orient and Its People, by Mrs. I. L. Hauser, I. L. Hauser & Co., Milwaukee.

China, by Rev. J. T. Gracey.

India Missionary Directory and Memorial Volume, Rev. B. H. Badley.

To the East by Way of the West, Bishop Marvin.

Rosario, by Mrs. J. F. Willing and Mrs. E. S. Clemens.

Self-Giving, by W. F. Bainbridge. \$1.50.

"A Grain of Mustard-Seed"; or, the District Secretary's Letter. 10 cts.

Wayside Teachings (in India). 5 cts.

"By the Wayside," by author of "Grain of Mustard-Seed." 7 cts.

Woman's Work in the Zenanas of India, Mrs. Gracy, Rochester, N. Y. Single copy, 10 cts; \$1.00 per dozen.

#### PERIODICALS, ETC.

*"Zeal according to knowledge."*

*Heathen Woman's Friend.* Mrs. Wm. F. Warren, Editor. This paper is published monthly by the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church. The editor's address is 329 Broadway, Cambridgeport, Mass. Names of subscribers, and all communications concerning the business, should be addressed to the agent, Miss P. J. Walden, 38 Bromfield street, Boston. Terms, 50 cents per annum, in advance.

Fourteenth General Annual Report of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Committee of Publication: Mrs. B. R. Cowen. To be obtained through Branch corresponding secretaries.

#### LEAFLETS.

Over two millions of pages have been distributed during the last five years. Committee of Publication: Mrs. J. T. Gracey, Chairman, Rochester, New York. To be obtained through Branch corresponding secretaries.

#### MISSIONARY PERIODICALS.

Gospel in All Lands, an invaluable undenominational missionary magazine. Each month devoted to a different country or mission field. Bible House New York.

Advocate of Missions. M. E. Church South, Nashville, Tennessee.

Baptist Missionary Magazine.

Woman's Work for Woman. 1334 Chestnut street, Philadelphia.

Children's Work for Children.

Our Mission Field, Presbyterian Church.  
 The Foreign Missionary.  
 Missionary Tidings.  
 Spirit of Missions, Episcopal.  
 Missionary Review, Princeton, Dr. Nieder.  
 Missionary Link, W. U. M. S.  
 Missionary Helper, Free Baptist.  
 Life and Light, Congregational, Boston, Mass.  
 Missionary Herald, American Board.  
 Lutheran Missionary Journal.  
 Methodist Protestant Missionary.  
 Helping Hand, Baptist.  
 Indian Witness, Calcutta, India.  
 Woman's Work in China, Shanghai, China.

#### MAP OF INDIA, CHINA, BURMAH AND JAPAN.

The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church has issued an Outline Map, on cloth (size. 5 by 6 feet), of China, Japan and India, with adjacent regions.

The prominent stations occupied by this Society are marked in good, bold letters, so that they may be read across a large room. Many other points are in somewhat smaller letters. Besides this Outline Map, showing the large stations occupied by the Methodist Episcopal Church in Asia, there is a smaller map (inlet) on the corner of the larger one, showing in fuller detail stations and sub-stations of the North India Conference.

This map will be sent post-paid to any address for the sum of two dollars.

## RULES AND PRONUNCIATION.

### PRONUNCIATION OF INDIAN NAMES FURNISHED BY MISS THOBURN.

I find it difficult to give the pronunciation of the Indian names in English, as requested, because some of the sounds can not well be indicated by the spelling. A few rules may be helpful, not only in pronouncing the names already given, but those that may occur in letters and reports hereafter.

A has two sounds, a short like u in tub, and a long as in far.

E has the continental sound, like the long e in there.



I is short as in sit, and long when accented, as i in machine.

O is always long, as in no.

U short as in full and ú long as in rule.

Ai as i in mice.

Au as ou in our.

The syllable containing the long vowel is always accented. If there are no long vowels in a word, or if all are long, the syllables have equal quantity.

There is some difficulty in applying these rules, because the long vowel is not often printed with the accent in our reports, and so cannot be distinguished from the short, and because some names are spelled in English, and some in Roman-Urdu.

The stations mentioned in our Indian mission report of this year are pronounced, as nearly as they can be spelled, as follows:

Kamá on	Kamáw'an	Badá on	Badown
Naini Tal	Nynnee Tall	Bilsí	Bilsee
Bhábar	Bhaw-bar	Kakraulí	Kukroulee
Dwára Háth	Dwara Haut	Ghotá	Ghota
Garhwál	Gurhwall	Bissoulí	Bissoulee
Srínagar	Sree-nuggur	Saiswán	Sicewan
Pithotagarh	Pithora Gurh	Ujainí	Ujiney
Rohilcund	Rohilcund	Data Ganj	Data Gunje
Bíjnúr	Bijnour	Oudh	Ou as in our
Morádabád	Morad'abad'	Laknau	Lucknow
Chandousí	Chundowsee	Kánpur	Cawnpoor
Amroha	Umroha	Ráí Barelí	Roy Barailly
Sambhal	Sumbhul	Báabankí	Bara-bunkee
Barelí	Barailly	Sítápúr	Seetapoor
Philibít	Philibeet	Hardú,í	Hur-doo-ee
Aunla	Ounla	Gonda	Goanda
Fathganj	Futhagunje	Nawábganj	Nawáb-gunje
Khera Bajhera	Khaira Bajhaira	Baraich	Baraich
Sháhjahánpúr	Shah'-jehan'-poor		

#### RULES FOR PRONOUNCING WORDS IN THE FOOCHOW DIALECT, FURNISHED BY MRS. DR. BALDWIN.

a has the sound of a in far.	ó has the sound of aw.
á " " " a in fat.	u " " " oo in fool.
e " " " a in play.	ě has a guttural sound, like oe in Goethe.
é " " " e in met.	ü has the sound of the French ü in l'une.
í " " " i in machine.	au has the sound of ow in cow.
í " " " i in pin.	ai has the sound of i in kind.
o " " " o in bone.	

Hók-chiang	Hoke-cheang.	Sia Sek ong	See-ah Sake ong.
Ku-cheng	Koo-cheng.	Lí Chá Mí	Lee Chá Me.
Tiong-lók	Teong-lock.	Kiu-Kiang	Kew-keang.
Hũ Pó Mí	Hũ Paw Me.	Wong Ting Ai	Wong Ting Eye.
Li Yu Mí	Lee Yoo Me.		

It is almost invariably correct to accent on the last syllable of the name of a place.

## JAPAN.

Nagasaki	Nang-a-sä'-kee.	Kiushiu	Qü-shoo.
Tsukiji*	Skee-gee.	Liu Kiu	Loo-choo.
Tsurunga	Suroong'-gä.	Yezo	Yes'so.
Shikoku	She-kô-ku.	Dai	Dye.

Kawatsei Sui (Quassui) Jo Gokke.

Name of Nagasaki School.

\* "Ts" has German "z" sound.

We are indebted to Mr. Chinda, Japanese student at Asbury University, Indiana, for most of this list of Japanese names, with the correct pronunciation.

## MEMBERSHIP AND SCHOLARSHIPS OF THE W. F. M. S.

The payment of \$1.00 constitutes a member for one year.

\$ 20.00 constitutes a life member.

100.00 constitutes a life manager.

300.00 constitutes a life patron.

25.00 supports an orphan for one year in India.

40.00 supports an orphan for one year in Mexico.

60.00 supports a Bible reader for one year in India.

24.00 supports a deaconess for one year in China.

30.00 supports a scholarship for one year in India.

40.00 supports a scholarship for one year in Japan.

## COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE.

The Corresponding Secretaries of the several branches constitute a Committee of Reference, of which Mrs. W. B. Skidmore, No. 230 West Fifty-ninth street, New York, is Chairman, and Mrs. B. R. Cowen, Delaware, Ohio, is Secretary.

All communications to be brought before the WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY in the interim of the General Executive Committee must be addressed to the Chairman of the Committee. All estimates to be presented to the General Executive Committee meeting in November should be forwarded to her in advance, sanctioned by the proper authorities in the mission field.

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*And they that are far off shall come and build in the temple of the Lord, and ye shall know that the Lord of Hosts hath sent me unto you. And this shall come to pass, if ye will diligently obey the voice of the Lord your God.—ZECHARIAH 6: 15.*

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# DELEGATES TO FIFTEENTH ANNUAL MEETING

OF GENERAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE

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DELAWARE, O.



## MEETING OF GENERAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

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The General Executive Committee of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church convened for Annual Session in the Madison Avenue Church, Baltimore, Maryland, on Wednesday, November 5th, 1884. The record of reports received, and appropriations made, is briefly told in the following pages. The increase of collections during a time of financial pressure, the growth in membership and appliances for work, the large number of Missionaries sent out, gave evidence of vigorous life in the Society, as shown by abundant activity, while the advance in all foreign fields opens wide the door of opportunity, and gives a vast field for the exercise of faith and works. Corea was added to the list of mission fields, and a representative appointed to accompany the first Missionaries of the Parent Board to that country. New ground was also occupied in Wuhu, Central China.

The cordial greetings and generous hospitality received, the spirit of love and harmony that characterized all the meetings, the sweet communion of prayer and praise, cannot be written, but will long be cherished in the memories of all who were present.



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## METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

A most memorable year has just closed. Said a heathen woman recently, "Give us of your light, give us of your hope, give us of your Christ, you women so favored, so encumbered with privilege." If ever a cry "Come over and help us" rang pitifully across the sea, it has come to us this past year from these prison chambers where our sisters of the East sit, burdened and weary-hearted.

In the efforts made this past year to respond to this cry as a Society, "Our eyes have seen and our ears heard" God's promises tested in various ways, both in the Home and in the Foreign field. The Omnipotent One has fed every stream, has accepted every gift, has fired many altars, has "bound with cords every sacrifice," and has opened a path through every sea of difficulty. More money has come into the treasury, more auxiliary societies have been formed, more members have been added, more young people interested, more literature disseminated, and more Missionaries sent out than in any previous year. We acknowledge this leading with the most profound gratitude.

This fifteenth anniversary is an epoch in our history. We record the story of an unfinished journey. The first annual report in 1869 occupied only a page or two in the *Heathen Woman's Friend*. The story of the first year's work could be told in a few minutes, but in the fifteen years the work for heathen women and children has grown to such dimensions, and sent out its branches in so many directions, that an annual report of a hundred pages does not tell the story. The very success implies fresh inspiration, deeper obliga-

tion. In these years we have had to learn many lessons and varied methods. God did not discover to us this work all at once, because we were not ready. We needed to be strengthened, broadened, and trained for its development. The financial record of the fifteen years is so remarkable that we cannot pass it over without special notice. The women of the Methodist Episcopal Church were asked prayerfully to give two cents a week, and in the first year \$4,546.86 came into the treasury, and the sum contributed in the fifteen years amounts to *one million, one hundred and sixty-two thousand, six hundred and eighteen dollars and four cents.*

### HOME WORK.

The Home work is represented by the following statistics: Auxiliary societies, 3,664, an increase of 281; annual members, 97,802, an increase of 8,180.

The financial record of the year shows an increase of \$16,375.81 over the previous year. The amounts contributed by branches are as follows:

New England.....	\$17,261 86
New York.....	25,292 88
Philadelphia .....	16,875 53
Baltimore.....	7,674 98
Cincinnati .....	21,138 74
Minneapolis .....	3,811 85
Topeka .....	5,747 36
Des Moines.....	9,564 03
North Western.....	35,831 91
Total.....	\$143,199 14

This goal has been reached in the face of unusual difficulties. In some sections floods and drouths, in others, strikes and hard times, and the crippled energies of many have retarded the work. No wonder, as the aggregate was read, that full hearts broke forth in singing, "Praise God from whom all blessings flow."

### DIVISION OF BRANCHES.

As the Western Branch of the Society had grown to unwieldy proportions, and other States were asking to be embraced in it, it was considered necessary for the better development of the work to divide the Branch as follows:

1st. Iowa and Missouri, with headquarters at Des Moines, to be known as the Des Moines Branch.

2d. Kansas, Nebraska, Colorado and Wyoming, with headquarters at Topeka, to be known as Topeka Branch.

3d. The States of Minnesota and Dakota, with headquarters at Minneapolis, to be known as the Minneapolis Branch. These Branches have all been formally organized, and their Corresponding Secretaries report the division working in every way satisfactory.

#### DEATHS.

We are compelled to record the death of one of our Medical Missionaries, Miss Ella Gilchrist, M. D. She went to Central China, where she commenced work full of hope and enthusiasm, but she was permitted to labor only a little while. Broken down after a few months, she returned to this country and settled in Denver, Colorado, and after two years of suffering passed to her reward, carrying to her latest breath an interest for the women of China.

#### MOVEMENTS OF MISSIONARIES.

Since the organization of the Society, eighty-eight Missionaries have been sent out to foreign fields. Twenty of these have gone out this past year.

*To China*—Miss Hoag, M. D., Miss Corey, M. D., Misses Robinson, Fisher, and Jewell.

*To West China*—Miss Gertrude Howe.

*To Japan*—Misses Hewitt, Everding, and Hamisfar, M. D.

*To India*—Misses Harvey, Mansell, Reed, Downey, English, and Christianity, M. D.

*To South India*—Misses Hedrick and DeLine.

*To Mexico*—Misses Le Huray, Loyd, and Latimer.

*To Bulgaria*—Miss Schenck.

Miss Spencer, who has been spending a year at home, returned to Tokio, Japan.

The Misses Woolston, who have been in China for a number of years, have resigned and returned home. A lady is accepted and under appointment for Italy.

Miss Holbrook, of Japan, Miss Cushman, of China, and Miss Warner, of Mexico, are in this country on health leave.

#### ACTION OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE.

A resume of the work of the Society for four years past was presented to the General Conference at its recent session in Philadelphia.

The report and the relations of the Society received the most careful and thoughtful consideration. There was some anxiety felt on the part of the officers of the Society in regard to the action of the Conference, some fearing that liberty of action might be infringed upon, but the Lord was "better to them than all their fears." The Society received the heartiest endorsement, and greater liberty was given for extending their work, and there are no longer any doubts about the position of the Society, as it is recognized as one of the regular benevolent organizations of the Church.

## YOUNG PEOPLE.

From every Branch comes the news of increased devotion on the part of the young womanhood of the Church. This has been manifest in the organization of Young Ladies' Societies and Mission Bands. In college and seminary, talents, gifts, zeal and lives have been laid upon the altar, and the sweet incense of these offerings has gone up to Heaven.

One notable instance has occurred, wherein the young people have contributed one-fourth of the whole amount of money raised by the Branch. In another case, every young lady belonging to the Society was converted and brought into the Church.

In this connection we may note the fact that a young Chinese girl has been brought to this country for medical education. She arrived in May, and is now pursuing her studies in the Ohio Wesleyan University.

## HEATHEN WOMAN'S FRIEND AND GENERAL LITERATURE.

If the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society could formulate a creed, it would probably begin, "I believe in the dissemination of missionary intelligence." This is the ground of all intelligent work. The Heathen Woman's Friend, the organ of the Society, has long since become a necessity; it goes into the homes fresh with intelligence from every field, a connecting link between the home in the Christian land and the heathen land. It not only gives this information, but because of the revenue received, not only meets all its own expenses, but aids in the publication of other literature, such as the printing of annual reports, leaflets and considerable miscellaneous literature. It now has 20,645 subscribers, an increase of 1,074 over last year.

## CHRISTIAN ILLUSTRATED PAPER.

Possibly, the most important part of the work of the year, the part most far-reaching in its influences, has been the establishment of a Christian Illustrated Paper for the Women of India. The funds of the Heathen Woman's Friend made this possible this year. This is the first paper of its kind published in India, and is intended to go into the homes, and reach by its silent influence, hearts that cannot be reached by the living voice. It is issued monthly from the Mission press in the city of Lucknow. It is an evidence that the ladies had planned to meet a recognized necessity, and that not prematurely, that a few weeks after this paper was started the Mohammedans of the city of Lucknow issued a prospectus of a periodical for women, to be issued by the Mohammedan press.

In view of the systematic and gratuitous propagation of infidel literature from England and America to all our Mission fields, and to our schools, it seemed that the Providences indicated that this was *the* time and *the* opportunity for this movement to supply the women with a paper, which, as they become educated, shall go into their homes, and be explicit in its declarations



of Christian truth, and the solid basis on which Christianity rests. An effort has been made to secure an endowment for this paper of \$25,000, and of this amount nearly \$13,000 have been contributed this year, and this above and beyond all other Missionary moneys.

### LEAFLETS.

During the past year over one million six hundred thousand pages of Missionary Leaflets have been issued, being double the number of pages ever published in any one year of the Society's history, yet the demand has not been met, and seems to increase in greater ratio than even this advance in the supply.

### FOREIGN WORK.

The Society has work in Japan, China, India, Bulgaria, Italy, South America and Mexico.

*Missionaries now in the field*, 57; assistants, 32; Bible women and medical women, 163; in orphanages, 395; scholarships, 479; day schools, 210; zenanas visited, 1972; women under instruction, 4169. Yet the work cannot be summarized nor characterized in a brief report. It ramifies into all lands, and is allied with all great movements, social and religious. Just now the Franco-Chinese war has temporarily embarrassed our work in East China, and our ladies have, together with the wives of the Missionaries of the parent board, removed from Foochow to Shanghai. In Japan every part of the work has been greatly successful. North and South India have been strongly re-enforced. The orphanage at Bareilly, with its 300 orphans, has experienced gracious revival influences, commencing with special blessing upon a blind girl, who zealously influenced others. The lands of the dead churches—Mexico, Italy and Bulgaria—still invite and encourage our efforts for the enlightening of women, and the uplifting of the family. We have just sent our first representative within the territory of the Greek Church—Miss Schenck having recently started for Bulgaria to take charge of the school in Loftcha, and our first lady Missionary is under appointment to the land of the Roman hierarchy. Thirteen Bible women are at work in Italy.

We close the fifteen years with gratitude, and begin the next with hope, and this hope for the future is

“Built on nothing less  
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness.”

With our hope thus founded, with womanly and Christian devotion, we go forth to possess the land. We do not look for openings—they are everywhere.

When the Duke of Wellington once gave an order to an officer to take a certain stronghold, the officer objected, and said, “It cannot be done.” The Duke quietly took from his pocket a book and looked at it, when he replied, “It can be done, for it is on my order book.” The strongholds of heathendom, the homes, can be taken, for the order is in the Book.

During the year, a young lady died in Northern India, far up on the borders of Thibet. She was the daughter of an English General, cultivated and devoted. With a beautiful enthusiasm she gave her life for the women of India. Only a little while she labored, when disease developed. The physician ordered her to the hills, but she never reached her destination. Stopping at a rest house, in a desolate region, far away from loved ones, she passed away. Her last words were not of friends, nor home, but calling a Missionary friend, who was with her, to the bedside, she put her arms around her neck, kissed her, and said so tenderly, "The women, the women, the women of India."

Over mountain and valley, hill and dale, and weary waste of waters, comes this touching refrain to us. We pass it on to you, the officers of this Society, and through you to all the Societies you represent, to carry in heart and thought and prayer "The women, the women of heathendom." So that the women of the Methodist Episcopal Church may

"Enlarge their gifts,  
Their love expand,  
And make this earth  
Immanuel's land."

MRS. J. T. GRACEY,  
*Secretary of General Executive Committee.*

## REPORT OF FOREIGN WORK.

### OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENTS.

Yokohama, Japan; North China and South America . . . .	MRS. ALDERMAN.
Rohilkund District, India; Italy, Central China, and Corea .	MRS. SKIDMORE.
Mexico, and Tokio, Japan . . . . .	MRS. KEEN.
Foochow, China, and West China . . . . .	MISS HART.
Oudh District, India, and Nagasaki, Japan . . . . .	MRS. COWEN.
Kumaon District, India, Bulgaria, and Bombay . . . . .	MRS. HILL.
South India . . . . .	MRS. NIND.
Hakodati, Japan . . . . .	MRS. SHATTUCK.

### INDIA.

In addition to the twenty-three representatives of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society in India, and the wives of Missionaries having charge of work supported by the Society, the following are employed as assistants, ze-nana and boarding school teachers, medical assistants and school inspectresses:

Miss Cumberland.....Paori.	Miss Singh .....Lucknow.
Mrs. Whitby ..... "	" French ..... "
" Moore .....Naini Tal.	" D'Abru..... "
" K. Hunter..... " "	Mrs. Jarbo ..... "
" Wm. King..... " "	" Chuckerbutty . "
" J. Robinson ..... " "	Miss Connelly ..... "
" R. Gowan..... " "	" Crawshaw .... "
Miss Alice D'Abru.....Bijnour.	" Cumberland... "
" M. Seymour.....Moradabad.	" Mutlow..... "
" Maria Seymour... "	" Mispelaur .. .Cawnpore.
Mrs. Smith ..... "	" Beck ..... "
Miss Waddingham.....Bareilly.	" McKenzie .... "
" Thompson ..... "	" Honeybone ... "
" E. Thompson..... "	" De Souza..... "
" Durand ..... "	" Croft ..... "
" Parnell..... "	Mrs. Grant .....Roi Bareilly.
Mrs. M. Turner..... "	" Fleming .....Shahjehanpore.
Miss Geddens ..... "	" Butterfield ....Budaon.
" Heming ..... Lucknow.	

## MATRONS.

*Cawnpore*—Mrs. Jackson ; *Budaon*—Mrs. Butterfield ; *Bijnour*—Mrs. Rogers ; *Paori*—Mary W. Greenwald ; *Moradabad*—Mrs. Alexander ; *Lucknow School*—Mrs. Smith ; *Lucknow Home*—Mrs. Crawshaw ; *Bareilly*—Miss O'Callegheh ; *Naini Tal*—Mrs. Beaumont.

## ROHILKUND DISTRICT.

## MISSIONARIES.

MISS FANNIE SPARKES,	MISS C. A. SWAIN, M. D.,
MISS HATTIE KERR,	MISS LUELLA KELLEY,
MISS ESTIER DE VINE.	

## MARRIED LADIES IN CHARGE OF WORK.

MRS. M. E. GILL,	MRS. S. W. BARE.
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To write a report of Rohilkund District would be to write about the most familiar work of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society in India. Though the details are full of interest, we cannot give them here—can only present a summary of the work.

Beginning with *Moradabad*, one of the most important stations in the district, we find the woman's work in charge of Miss E. De Vine, who already fills a large place in the hearts of the workers in India. She has three assistants. First in importance is the Christian Girls' Boarding School. Of the 115 pupils, 103 are boarders. This school is for the children of native Christians, and is intended to impart a good vernacular education, though a few girls

are taught English. Six were married during the year, and two died. No special religious feeling is reported, though there was evident growth in religious life. The main object is to fit these girls to be the wives of native preachers and catechists, to be Bible women, zenana visitors, or school teachers, and take the places now filled by non-Christian teachers in all our schools. The school building is very inferior, and much too contracted. All reports from India urge the necessity of new buildings to accommodate this important school, and, in all probability, it will be accomplished in the coming year. The zenana work is under charge of Miss Maggie Seymour and Mrs. Smith. Ninety zenanas are visited weekly, and seventy-two women are regularly instructed in religious things. There are 318 pupils in the city schools. Eleven Bible women and twenty one teachers are employed. The mohulla work among Chamars and sweepers has been carried on successfully. A wide and effectual door seems to have been opened among this caste that promises great results in the near future. The medical work has been under charge of Jane Plummer, with a native assistant. The dispensary work has been very large. The number of patients in zenanas received in hospital, 6; treated in dispensary, 8,581; prescriptions given, 9,086. This work greatly needs the oversight a medical lady can give, and which will be supplied the coming year by Dr. Christiancy.

This district comprises several large circuits, with stations of great importance to the work. In *Bissauli* Mrs. Datt has a school, also the care of 200 Christian women, who need much teaching. In *Mundi* there are sixty Christian women under instruction. Two Bible women spend their time teaching and preaching. The great effort is to stamp on the memory the elements of Christian truth. Here, as elsewhere, the Chamar women are found to be teachable, and open to instruction. They sing our hymns and listen attentively. Seven candidates have been presented for baptism during the year. On *Bilsi* Circuit an excellent work is going on. At all hours these poor, despised women come to the native preacher's wife to learn the story of Jesus' love. Mr. Hoskins reports that at *Ghota* a Bible woman gives her whole time to the ministry of the Word. Out of the large congregation of women instructed by her, eight have been baptized. Here the Gospel light is reaching many a weary soul kept from the knowledge of the outer world by the restrictions of zenana life. *Saheswan* is a large city, composed of twelve towns. The woman's work here is extending to all classes, and has already made a perceptible change in many homes.

The *Bareilly* Orphanage has passed a prosperous year. The health of the girls has been good, and the progress made in study commendable; 270 are now cared for there. Miss Sparkes says that during the whole year it has not been an unusual thing for girls to make a start in religious life during the regular prayer or class meetings. Twenty-five united with the church on probation, and 46 were taken into full membership. Eleven married are witnessing for Christ in their village homes. Four died in the assurance of faith. Miss

Sparkes testifies to the faithfulness of the assistants. Later reports tell of a gracious revival in the orphanage, which commenced through the baptism of the spirit upon a blind girl, during a Sabbath morning's service. She told Miss Sparkes that the Lord had wonderfully blessed her, and asked what work she thought the Lord was preparing her for. Miss Sparkes suggested that perhaps it was to work among the girls around her. At once she began, telling the story of what God had done for her, and asking them to meet with her in prayer meetings. Soon numbers were under deep conviction, and the native pastor, Mr. Fieldbrave, was invited to hold a series of meetings. Many professing Christ were strengthened, and many more converted. At any hour of the day there could be heard from the various rooms the voice of prayer and singing. Year by year these girls go out of the Orphanage, some to join the angels' song, some to make Christian homes and engage in the Master's work. Miss Sparkes finds, in looking over the records for the past nine years, that out of 125 girls who have married and left the Orphanage, 101 have been engaged in Mission work as Bible readers or teachers. To Him whose is the power be all the glory. There are nine city schools, seven Hindoo and two Moham-medan. The zenana work is in charge of Miss Kelley. All the work of former years has been kept up, and additional houses opened to instruction. In the mohallas or wards among the poor the work has been very successful. The Sunday-school work in this field has also been full of hope for future success. The medical work continues under Miss Swain, and as her health has improved her work increases in interest, and many are drawn to the Great Healer through the ministry of His servant. Patients treated, 7,170; prescriptions given, 15,820. Hospital patients, 76; visits to out-patients, 352.

*Khera Bajhera* has two schools, and work among the women. *Fathagunge* has two schools, with 140 scholars. Twenty women and nine girls have become Christians this year; forty zenanas are regularly visited. The *Budaon* B. school has fifty-five scholars. The school inspector pronounces this a good school. Mrs. Butterfield carries on the zenana work, and has access to all classes. We are glad that reinforcements have been sent, and some one can be spared for this most important work, which has sadly missed the care of Mrs. Hoskins. *Budaon* is being permeated with the leaven of Christian truth.

*Shahjehanpore* work has been interrupted by the small pox. Four hundred girls receive secular and religious instructions in the twelve day schools. The number of zenanas visited has greatly increased, and the women are only too glad to listen to religious teachings. Four Bible women are regularly employed under the charge of Mrs. Fleming, zenana visitor. The Sunday school is especially promising. In *Panahpore*, zenana, Sunday school and day school work prospers. In *Tilkur* there are two day schools, each with a Sunday school of double the number of week-day attendants. The Bible reader says "the blessing of God rests more and more on the zenana work."

In *Pawayan*, schools and Bible women are represented as doing faithful work in raising the standard of Christ. No obstacles are offered, but all re-

ceive the word gladly. The *Bijnour* boarding school has been under the care of Miss Kerr, and numbers forty-nine pupils. The health of the school has been good. Besides four and a half hours of school work, the girls have done the grinding, cooking, spinning, and some weaving. The prayer meetings and Sunday schools have been blessed with the presence of the Holy Spirit. Several of the girls gave evidence of change of heart. The city schools are well attended. On every side there are calls for work, which cannot be met, for lack of workers. There are many other villages in this circuit in which schools have been opened by native Christian women, and which sadly need the supervision of one of our Missionaries. Our hearts rejoice in the fact that so many new workers have gone to help gather in these sheaves. It seems almost incredible that, in such a short time, the work in this one district has grown to such proportions that it cannot be compressed in one short report. Surely, the little leaven which has been hidden by a woman's hand is gradually permeating the whole lump, and we rejoice to declare the work divine.

## SUMMARY.

Missionaries of Woman's Foreign Missionary Society....	5
Married ladies in charge of work.....	2
Assistants .....	17
Bible women .....	60
Girls in orphanage.....	270
Boarding schools.....	3
Pupils in boarding schools .....	219
City and village schools.....	94
Girls in village schools.....	1,565
Zenanas visited.....	1,012
Families reached through zenanas .....	1,298
Women under instruction.....	2,538
Prescriptions given.....	24,466
Patients in zenanas.....	405
"    " hospital.....	78
"    " dispensary .....	15,681

## OUDH DISTRICT.

## MISSIONARIES.

MISS I. THOBURN,

" L. E. BLACKMAR,

MISS LAURA HYDE, M. D.

MISS S. A. EASTON,

" E. L. HARVEY.

## MARRIED LADIES IN CHARGE OF WORK.

MRS. S. KNOWLES,

MRS. N. I. LAWSON.

Eight stations, or centers of work, from which radiate systematic efforts to reach the outlying districts, are comprised in this province. Taking them in order, we come first to *Lucknow*, where the woman's work is in four divis-



ions—boarding school, day schools, zenana work and “Home for Friendless Women.” The Girls’ Boarding School has passed another prosperous year. Number of pupils, 134. The year has been a healthy one, and the progress of the girls in scholarship satisfactory. The additional rooms appropriated for last year are about completed, and will be filled at once with self-supporting scholars. The Inspector of Schools for Oudh says of this school: “It is beyond all comparison the best native girls’ school in Oudh, and I suspect there are few equal to it in Upper India.” Of the two girls in this school who will present themselves for the Calcutta Entrance Examination, the Superintendent says: “The first was for some time one of our most unpromising pupils. She was untruthful, quarrelsome, and untidy. When she was converted it changed her whole being. Last year, when she went home, her father told her he had selected a husband for her, and presented the youth for her approval. She replied that she was not through with her education, and did not want to marry. Her father told her she could do as she chose about that, but he would spend no more money on her education. She plead earnestly, asking to go with the poorest class and receive bare necessities, but in vain. At last an aunt promised the money, and she came back joyfully, though she had not the easy place she once enjoyed, where money was furnished for many little comforts. In a few months her aunt lost her property. I then told her to stay on, and I would get a scholarship for her, or let her teach and pay for it. So she remained, but was not happy to feel she was incurring debt. So one day she brought me a pair of bracelets that a relative had given her, that were valued at 100 rupees, and asked if she could sell them, and so pay her way. This may not seem much to you, but when a Hindoo girl is willing to sell her jewelry to get an education, we feel that the world does move. You will yet hear of Edith Raphael. The other girl is an heiress. Her grandfather is a heathen, but he does not oppose her or her mother in their Christian belief. She could readily be spoiled were she that kind of a girl, but happily she is not. She plays the organ in our native Church, and is a most enthusiastic teacher in our city Sunday schools, is promising in every way, and will yet write at least B. A. after her name. Two girls from this school have left for work in the zenanas in the last few months.

The day schools, 11 in number, have been systematically cared for; Miss D’Abru, inspectress. The highest enrollment is 278. The Sunday schools in connection with each are taught by Christian ladies, assisted by pupils from the boarding school. At the close of each quarter more than two-thirds of the girls have been prepared for review. The *zenana work* under Miss Blackmar’s care has been vigorously prosecuted. Of the 650 women who regularly listen to the reading and singing, 175 are learning to read, and some also learn needle-work. In addition there is village and mohulla work that is very interesting. One poor blind girl, when told she would hear God’s word regularly, replied: “It is not true; you do not care for poor people, or you would not have neglected us so long.” Now, one day each week she is as happy as

a poor blind girl can be, while we read, sing and talk of the Light of the World, and pray for His help. The women often ask the Bible women to pray with them, and the work of the Holy Spirit is manifest in the fact that some are beginning to be convinced of sin. Three assistants and eight Bible women are constantly employed. The Bible women have diligently studied this year, and all passed to higher grades. The Home for Homeless Women has prospered encouragingly, showing that its establishment has met a want in prosecuting work among the daughters of India. Some of the women taught and cared for here have already found work, so that lives of usefulness have opened for them. Some have gone rejoicing home to heaven. Miss Blackmar says: "There has been marked improvement in the religious life of the women. There is more kindness to each other, and many victories over besetting sins. The constant effort is to develop self support, and in many ways it is carried out." Eighteen women have been cared for during the year—sixteen natives, one Eurasian, and one English.

The last conference year in *Cawnpore* opened under very promising conditions. A year of health and prosperity had been given the boarding and day schools. Miss Hyde, M. D., was appointed to oversee the city work, and Miss Mispelaur was continued in charge of zenana work, and strong hopes were felt that at last this, the largest city in the province, would have work commensurate with its importance. But the faith of those who carried the heavy burdens has been severely tested. Miss Hyde was taken sick with typhoid fever, and, as soon as able, had to be removed to the hills. The eight day schools have been kept up, and, in connection with these, Sunday schools are carried on. Mohulla work is kept up at three places, which is very promising. The bathing ghat, also, was regularly visited. Four Bible women were employed, under Miss Mispelaur's direction, and the work so divided as to visit each house on the list twice a week. In the Girls' High School the year has been one of sore trial. Measles broke out in the school, in some cases complicated with lung fever. In May and June the school was half hospital. Then the music teacher was seriously ill, of fever. Other cases of severe typhoid followed, and painful anxiety and watching were added to pressing school duties.

Miss Harvey<sup>6</sup> reached India in the hottest weather, and at once went to Miss Easton's relief, proving most invaluable in service and patient in endurance. Miss Easton says: "What a tower of strength she has been, so much of balm has fallen upon us, and the other fact that the mental, moral, and spiritual growth of our girls shows no abatement; still the best things remain—confidence and harmony among ourselves and trust in God. Gratitude, too, that through most severe sickness He has spared us all. Shall I write failure against this year? I think not, but trials, difficulties, mercies, it may be blessings in disguise, have been our portion, and we leave it all with Him whose work we have tried to do."

*Seetapore* Circuit includes Lakimpore, Khairabad, Misrikh, and Seetapore, and the cold season is spent in itinerating among the villages and country

places attending the misrik mela, and sowing seed by all waters. Mrs. Lawson has charge of this work, and reports it as in a growing condition, one of great promise for early enlargement in all directions. Seven Bible women, one a medical worker, are regularly employed, and seven day schools, with corresponding Sunday schools, carry Gospel lessons to many homes, through the girls taught in them. The boarding school is proving a great success. It has twenty-six pupils, and also a Bible woman's class, for instruction in zenana work. Mrs. Lawson hopes to secure two new workers this year from this school, for the woman's work, and in the future it will be the source of supply; so its importance cannot be over-estimated.

*Gondah* and its three out-stations—Ellenpur, Nawabgunge and Colonelgunge—form, perhaps, the most promising field for speedy results in Oudh. Mrs. Knowles says of it: "God's Word has not returned unto Him void. Many hearts have been raised to Him in more intelligent devotion, while many others have been translated out of sin and darkness into light and the kingdom of God's dear Son. Sabbath schools have been full to overflowing. Day schools, owing to the short time the girls are kept in them, have not been much in an educational point of view, but the knowledge of Christ learned in them will be carried back to many zenana homes. The zenana work, under five Bible women, has been faithfully done; and the women listen willingly, many of them eagerly. If we had authority to baptize, many of these would, in the privacy of their homes, have been brought into the Church of Christ. There is no doubt in my mind but that the kingdom of our God has been established in many of the zenana homes during the past year, and the name of Christ is becoming a real power." So white are the fields in this district, that, at the last meeting of the finance committee, serious discussion was given to the advisability of sending female evangelists to help gather in the harvest of souls.

In *Roi Bareilly* Mrs. Grant is still the efficient superintendent of woman's work. Six Bible women visit 160 homes, besides those in out-stations visited weekly by Mrs. Grant. There are four day schools, five Sunday schools for girls and seven for women. This year the scholars in two schools subscribed about a pice each for the "Home for the Homeless." About seventy joined in this. It was pleasing to see them dropping in their pice, with smiling, happy faces. One said: "I am poor; I can only give this, but I do it in God's name." The story of the widow's mite was in many cases exemplified. A new Sunday school was opened in the summer. Its peculiarity is that its pupils are mostly old. Some of the oldest inhabitants of Roi Bareilly are gathered here. Blind, deaf, bent, weak forms come tottering into the yard of a hired house. A Mohammedan rented this house, though he knew it was for Christian worship, and most of the women are Mohammedans. In an adjoining mosque the men meet for their worship, while the women gather for quite a different service. Regular Missionary meetings were kept up during the year.

In *Barabanki* three day schools and three Sunday schools are well at

tended by girls and women. Missionary meetings have been kept up among the women, and the money collected used in Sunday-school work. About sixty-seven houses are regularly visited by the Bible women. The native pastor's wife, Mrs. E. M. Paul, went to her heavenly home in great triumph, testifying, with her latest breath, of God's goodness and mercy.

At *Hurdui*, under Mrs. Joel, the native pastor's wife, one Bible woman and three Christian school teachers are regularly employed.

In *Bareich* 150 houses are visited, and the Bible women are always made welcome. One day a dying woman sent for the Bible reader and said: "The Teacher you follow has been my Teacher, and I believe in Him. Let the truth you have taught me be taught to the children I leave." There are two day schools and four Sunday schools. The Sunday-school work, in its wonderful growth and development, is one of the most hopeful factors in reaching the women of Oudh. There are fifty-two Sunday schools in this province, and more largely attended than the day schools. Women of all ages gladly attend each Sunday.

#### STATISTICS FOR OUDH DISTRICT.

Missionaries .....	5
Married ladies in charge of work.....	2
Teachers in English school.....	6
Assistants.....	8
Bible women.....	39
Medical Bible women.....	1
Christian school teachers.....	25
Non-Christian school teachers.....	17
Boarding Schools.....	3
Pupils in same.....	240
Day schools.....	41
Day school pupils.....	700
Zenanas visited.....	932
Women under instruction .....	1,621
Home for Homeless Women .....	1
Inmates during year .....	27
Sunday schools .....	52

#### KUMAON DISTRICT.

##### MISSIONARIES.

MISS FLORENCE NICKERSON, MISS PHÆBE ROWE, MISS E. L. KNOWLES.

*In charge of work*—MRS. REV. P. M. BUCK.

*Naini Tal*.—The work of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society in Naini Tal for 1883 has been mostly carried on in the old or upper bazar. A house was rented there, and occupied by John Barker and family. John and

his wife, Ramotia, are both physicians, but as he was the only native preacher this year, she has performed the most of the medical work. She has treated two hundred and twenty-four patients. Ramotia is very discreet, successfully avoiding difficulties incident to the jealousy of the heathen medical pretenders. She has also rendered very faithful and effectual service in the zenana work.

The zenana work, which was efficiently carried on in the early part of the year by Mrs. Rebecca Gowan, is now performed by two native assistants. From twenty-eight to thirty families are regularly visited, some of them the leading families of Naini Tal. Several of the zenana ladies read nicely in Hindu and Urdu. Fancy work is taught, and the Bible and Christian books read and explained, hymns sung, and in some cases prayer offered. Many of the women have manifested interest in the doctrine of Christianity.

The Girls' High School, of which Miss Knowles is the very efficient superintendent, reports a good measure of success. The average attendance has been twenty-five, fifteen of whom were regular boarders. The hill people are largely roving and unsettled, and if their children are to have permanent habits of character or study, they must be placed in well-regulated Christian households, free from outside influences. In the fifteen so placed in this boarding school, there has been a marked improvement. The school is divided into three grades—upper, middle and primary—and the leading thought constantly presented to the pupils is the importance of Christian work among the heathen. This being an English-speaking school, is sometimes one of the most difficult of lessons, inasmuch as many who are born and brought up in India regard the natives with little or no interest. The girls early in the year organized a "Band of Helpers," and gave pice each week from their own allowance of spending money. Day scholars became interested, and invited their parents to the meetings. The influence extended, the collections increased to an average of twelve rupees a month for Christian work. Two objects were aided by their funds and their earnest prayers, namely: Two boys in a native school at Naini Tal, and a woman in Miss Blackmar's home in Lucknow.

The school has had a long, hard struggle for life; it has had no certain dwelling place, and very inferior accommodations. Rev. J. Baume writes: "How the heroic Miss Knowles has kept up heart in the work is a marvel; had she been other than a woman devoted to her work for Christ's sake, she could not have borne it; now, thank God, the darkness is past." A magnificent property as to site and location has been secured, and by the grace of God and the will of the ladies the Girls' School shall have both a local habitation and a name. A request has been made that the building shall be named "Slater Hall," in consideration of the bequest of a devoted sister, Mrs. Slater, of Grand Rapids, Mich. All of the Missionaries, both of the General and our own Society, are enthusiastic over the purchase of this property, regarding it not only as an excellent and judicious investment, but an economic measure as well—the founding of an educational institution for girls in India, whose influence shall abide as long as its majestic mountains stand. Miss Knowles will



greatly need help for a poorer class of girls, modified scholarships. The brethren in the South India Conference, going out under the auspices of Bishop Taylor, receiving their only support from their work, are unable to send their children to school without help, and have appealed to her for assistance.

### BHARBAR CIRCUIT.

The work in Haldwani, carried on by Fannie, the Bible reader, is very interesting. One family is mentioned where not only the women listen eagerly and believe, but the men are anxious inquirers after the truth. The girls' school has thirty attendants. The teachers are sent from the school at Naini Tal, and the pupils have made excellent progress. Several Bible readers are to have work there the coming year.

### DWARAHAT.

The boarding school of eighteen girls, under the care of Mrs. Buck, has been ably managed. Six of the number that have come to them during the year are from heathen homes, not driven there by want, but given in answer to prayer. Ten girls have come from the neighboring villages. Several of the girls have become steadfast Christians, and have joined the working bands of Christian women and girls, who make weekly visitations in the surrounding villages, talking of and singing for Christ. Our medical Bible women, Emma and Keri, spend their time visiting in the homes, and talking to the busy women as they rest by the wayside.

### PITHORAGARH.

With the combined agencies of boarding schools, day schools for women and girls, Bible women, and a "Home for Friendless Women," the Mission work has large proportions, and reports proportionate success. Upon the roll of the village school for women and girls we have thirty names. Miss Nickerson and Miss Phœbe Rowe have charge of the boarding school. The village women's class numbers forty-eight and others have come in for three or four weeks at a time. Many of them show by their lives that they know and love the Savior. The average attendance at Sunday school is sixty-four. The Missionary Society, with its collection, is well sustained. During the early part of the year, Miss Rowe, with two of her older pupils, visited a fair quite a distance from home, in order to bring to some of the many thousands visiting it a knowledge of Christ. Attention and interest was manifested wherever they spread their tent and sang the songs of Zion, and many women listened eagerly. The husbands of these women, instead of refusing to allow their wives to listen, as they had done in previous years, not only drew near and paid respectful attention, but asked questions concerning the faith. Many who accepted tracts and listened to their words lived long distances away, and thus the knowledge of the Word was spread abroad.



Of late, nearly every Sunday evening, after the evening service, Miss Rowe, in company with one of the girls, has gone to one of the many temples near the house, and there conversed with the devotees. One of the keepers, an intelligent old woman of eighty years, who had traveled extensively, and visited almost all of the most famous shrines and sacred places in India, and spent all of her money therein, eagerly listened and anxiously said: "Where is God? I cannot find him anywhere."

As soon as the rains cease, Miss Rowe, accompanied by two or three of the girls, will visit the villages all about, often being absent a week or two at a time. Miss Nickerson and Miss Rowe are earnestly praying for a great revival among their girls, which will spread through all those mountain villages through the agency of the parents and friends who often come to visit them.

The Home for Homeless Women is a definite outgrowth of love to God and suffering humanity. It numbers seventeen inmates, six having been received during the year. These women have all sad histories, but seem to appreciate the Home with its comforts which has been provided for them. They are young, and some of them quite interesting. One is now a teacher in Miss Nickerson's school, and also serves as Bible woman. Another is a Brahmin girl of seventeen years, who has been a widow since she was nine years old. She seemed so young and childlike that she was persuaded to break caste and eat with the girls, and so was admitted to their school. She is in the school at Almorah, is deeply impressed with the truths of Christianity, and will soon be baptized. Seven have learned to read and write. Two of the five new houses for the women are occupied. One of the three girls whose coming was the means of commencing the work was married in June, to a young theological student, at Bareilly, and accompanied him there. She is a steadfast Christian, and it is desired that next year, when her husband has finished his course, that they return to work in Pithoragarh.

## PAORI.

In December, 1883, Mrs. McMahon, who had had charge of the boarding school and orphanage, wrote: "I have only a few more days in Paori before leaving the work. Very little have I done personally, but have endeavored to plan it wisely. Mrs. Whitby's coming here has brought with it a blessing. She loves the poor and the lost, and tries to save them. She is a warm-hearted woman, a fervent, true-hearted Christian, and has the interests of this work in her heart. Miss Maud Cumberland, sister of Miss Cumberland, who has taught there for four years, has taken the place of assistant teacher. The work here is broad enough and interesting enough to engage the best and most active energies. If I had youth and vigor, how gladly would I spend it all here, but thirteen years here have made me feel worn and old, and I crave a fresher spirit to enter into my place. One great need here in Paori is a place and plan whereby the poor widows may have a chance to earn their bread. So far we meet individual cases as best we can, but this class are an anxiety,

and I hope in the near future some wise woman will come here to solve this problem."

After the return of Mrs. McMahon, Mrs. Whitby, was placed in charge of the orphanage and boarding school. The roll has upon it forty two names. Three girls were married during the year, but are useful in the work. The Sunday school is a very promising feature of the work; the infant class even learning the golden text and outlines of the lesson. Several of the girls are excellent Christians.

Mrs. Whitby took nine of the school girls to Dwarahat, in October, to attend the meeting of the District Conference. They walked there and back, a distance of eighty miles, and were much benefited spiritually. There are nine villages within a mile, which are visited from time to time, where hymns are sung and stories from the bible told to those who are so ignorant that they cannot understand the reading of God's word.

In each of the villages there is a Sunday school, with an attendance of from ten to fifteen boys and girls in each. The auxiliary of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society holds regular meetings, collects stipulated dues, and meets its appropriations in a truly Christian manner.

#### STATISTICS FOR KUMAON DISTRICT.

Missionaries .....	5
Assistants .....	3
Bible women .....	8
Medical women, .....	2
Women under instruction, .....	150
Women taught in villages, .....	210
Christian teachers, .....	19
Pupils in boarding schools, .....	65
Pupils in village schools, .....	213
Women in Home .....	17

## SOUTH INDIA.

#### MISSIONARIES.

MISS M. E. LAYTON, Calcutta.

MISS M. HEDRICK, Calcutta.

MISS ELLEN H. WARNER, Rangoon.

MISS M. MCKESSON, Rangoon.

The two schools with which the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society has been connected in South India have proved good investments, if success in their line of work be made a test, and it is believed that no better Missionary work has been done than in raising up teachers and Christian workers from among the people we seek to influence.

After six years of most arduous labor Miss Layton finds it impossible to longer hold her post in Calcutta, by reason of failing health, and will be obliged to return home at the end of this year. Miss Margaret Hedrick was

sent out by the New York Branch in September, to take her place, but the assistant so urgently asked for last year is yet to be found. The school must have new buildings, and the money granted last year to assist in this enterprise is waiting while other means are being tried to raise sufficient money to build such a building as the importance of the work demands. In Rangoon the building has become "too strait" for the school, and an addition was built, but still more room is needed. The school numbers 110, twenty-eight of whom are boarders. Another teacher is earnestly asked for. Miss McKesson, sent last year by the Western Branch, has proved a valuable helper in the school and in the church work generally. Miss Warner says: "I am sure her coming was ordered of the Lord."

The following from the Presiding Elder, Dr. Thoburn, is given, as it refers to both schools, and to the future prospects of woman's work in the South India Conference:

"The past year has been the most prosperous in the history of the Calcutta Girls' School. The number of boarders has risen to sixty-one, and would have been much larger had there been room for all who applied. Scarcely a week has passed during the last three or four months that one or more pupils have not been rejected because room could not be found for them. The want of larger buildings is more keenly felt than ever, and it is now clear that the work of building cannot longer be delayed. Thus far we have been subjected to many disappointments, and we have not even yet decided on any definite plan. Each step we take shows us that the final cost will be much greater than we had at first expected, but we hope in due time to provide for all the wants of the enterprise.

"When in possession of enlarged buildings the school will, no doubt, increase in numbers, and we will not only save the large amount now expended in rent, but probably add to our income an equal amount. This will enable us to strengthen our teaching staff, and, as we hope, also to increase the usefulness of the institution in various ways. Among other agencies which we hope to employ is that of a permanent training class for zenana work. The young girls under training can be sent out under ladies engaged in active zenana work, and thus the institution will not only train young women for usefulness, but will actually do missionary work in the course of its ordinary routine.

"Three graduates of this school, all of whom learned Bengali while in the institution, have recently been sent out into regular missionary work, and give promise of much usefulness in future life. Others will follow every year, and the training classes will, no doubt, become much larger than they are now.

"Miss Warner's school in Rangoon has been growing steadily, and has become straitened for want of room. An addition was made to the school building last year, but it is proving insufficient, and further enlargements must be made before very long. All reports concerning the school are favorable. Miss McKesson has proved a very valuable assistant to Miss Warner, and has also been very useful in the Rangoon church work.

"I am fully persuaded that the Rangoon school will ultimately become a most important auxiliary to the work of our church in Burmah. The same necessity for zenana teachers does not exist there as in India, but *workers*, by whatever name called, and in whatever particular way engaged, will be needed there in vast numbers. Christian women, educated, trained, and experienced, are needed, and for a century to come will be needed in every non-Christian land. Miss Warner will soon begin to send out valuable workers, and in the years to come it will be seen that the work which she is now doing is really, and in the best sense of the word, missionary work."

## BOMBAY.

*Missionary*.—MISS SARAH M. DELINE.

The hope entertained, and pledge given by our Society to send two ladies to open zenana work in Bombay, has been in part fulfilled during the present year. Through the frequent and earnest representations of Rev. D. A. Fox, Presiding Elder of the Bombay and Madras District, the great needs and opportunities existing there were brought very directly to the notice of our Board.

The city is a very large, rapidly growing and densely populated one, and lying on the sea coast is not subject to the intense heat of the inland cities, and, consequently, is much more healthful than they. Though lying in the South India Conference, its work is purely native work, and must, for a time, be supported in the same manner as the work of the North India Conference.

Early in the year Mr. Fox wrote: "Methodism should have a strong hold in Bombay. It is one of the most important centers for work in India. Every year's delay is a loss to us. Many of our people who have been interested in this special work (Zenana Mission) are losing heart, and fearing that our church is unable to enter the field. A lady medical missionary would be a valuable addition to the work, provided she is an earnest, soul-saving worker." In July he wrote: "It was a great disappointment to us that no one came last year, but I am glad to tell you that God has put it into the hearts of two sisters to open work in Bombay—Mrs C. P. Hard, wife of our pastor, and Miss Sarah Cassidy. They have opened schools for smaller boys and girls, and hold meetings among the native Christian women of our church, their labors being closely connected with the native work of the church under the care of Revs. Bowen and Hard, but designed ere long to spread out in directions not reached by the regular work, and also to prepare the way for the zenana work, which we hope your Society will begin soon."

To this appeal we have responded by sending Miss Sarah M. DeLine, of Elwood, Ill. Miss DeLine is a very earnest Christian, a successful teacher, and one who has great power in evangelistic work; the latter being a requirement strongly insisted upon by the Presiding Elder of Bombay District. He also earnestly urges that as soon as practicable another lady be sent to assist in this truly gigantic undertaking. His district, comprising both that of Bombay

and Madras, he further makes an urgent appeal to our Society for a lady teacher for the girls' school in Madras, one of the former lady teachers having married, and one of them removed from this place. For the first year it would probably be necessary for the Women's Foreign Missionary Society to pay her a salary, but after that the school would be entirely self-supporting. Dr. Thoburn approves the request, and the school is under the control of the Annual Conference, and well established. To a lady filling the position would also be given the privilege of engaging in the native work on the Sabbath and through the week, as time would permit. For this abundant harvest let us pray that consecrated laborers may be sent forth.

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## CHINA.

### FOOCHOW.

#### MISSIONARIES.

MISS S. TRASK, M. D.,

MISS CARRIE I. JEWELL,

MISS CATHERINE CORY, M. D.,

MISS LIZZIE M. FISHER.

For various reasons the account from our oldest field of labor, Foochow, must be less definite and in some respects less satisfactory than in former years. Our veteran workers, the Misses Woolston, left there in December, and failing to find anyone to supply their place, the Woman's and Girls' schools were merged into one, under charge of the native Presiding Elder and a teacher employed by him, all under control of the Rev. G. Smythe. He writes as follows: "There have been thirty-five women and girls in attendance, ten of which were classed as women, and twenty-five as girls. The Elder and myself have been working under difficulties, but we have tried to do the best we could. With an unendowed and penniless college on my hands, I could not give much time to another school. The work of the Elder, too, was large enough, and the care of the female seminary was assuredly no part of his duties. But upon the additional work required he entered with his whole heart, laboring and praying earnestly for its success. His wife taught part of the time, Mrs. Ohlinger also taught one hour each day; we also employed an able and accomplished Christian teacher. He is a literary graduate, and thoroughly fitted by education for the Chinese work. But his spirit is not as well fitted as his heart, and when the school closed for the summer, I had to dismiss him." Surely it is time our Society had its representatives there to look after our own work, and we esteemed ourselves happy in the two brave, devoted and zealous young women who have given themselves to this work. Misses Jewell and Fisher, from the State of Ohio, the one sent out by the Cincinnati, the other by the Baltimore Branch, sailed for Foochow October 7th, and are doubtless now at their chosen field of labor. Trustfully, even joyfully



they started, though the war cloud hung heavy over China, and for a time its special fury seemed concentrated in Foochow.

Thirty-three day schools are reported. From Shanghai, where Miss Trask, with the other lady Missionaries, had fled for safety during the terrible war scenes in Foochow, she writes: "I shall not be back in Foochow in time to get another letter to you before General Executive Meeting. The medical work has been carried on in the Hospital and Dispensary as in former years. In East street, in the city, there would be an attendance each morning of from sixty to ninety patients. We succeeded in getting more patients from the city Dispensary to the Hospital than in former years. Our out practice has also increased. Dr. Cory, who only arrived April first, has already taken up considerable work, although her chief occupation is supposed to be learning the language for the first six months. The year has been a very satisfactory one. We are pleased to read signs of growing confidence in us." At our last Committee Meeting, we called attention to the earnest pleading of Dr. Trask that one of our medical students might be brought to this country for a thorough, general and medical education, to qualify her for the highest usefulness for her sex in her own land, and her own earnest words of entreaty were read to the Committee. The proposition was so novel, and the undertaking so hazardous, that while our hearts glowed in gratitude and wonder at such a project opening such possibilities to a Chinese woman, we shrank from the cost and risk involved. But some generous women in the Philadelphia Branch privately assumed the responsibility, and Miss Hu King Eng, the first Chinese girl voluntarily coming to our shores for purposes of good, has landed, been among us winning our hearts by her simplicity, trustfulness and devotion, and is now pursuing her studies at the Ohio Wesleyan University, at Delaware, Ohio.

For many reasons Foochow should have a special place in our interest and prayers at this time. In many respects, with regard to educational theories, it is in a transition state, and wise and good people have differed as to whether women should simply receive an elementary and purely religious education, or how far larger privileges might be extended to them. Then the leaving of our experienced workers and our inability for a time to supply their place, has worked disadvantageously, and this to be followed by the war and all its evils, makes a strong plea for our sympathy and prayers. Recent letters are full of graphic but most gloomy descriptions of the destruction of forts, the loss of life, the suspension of all peaceful pursuits, suspicion, confusion, danger, and all because a Christian nation has followed its most extravagant demands with shot and shell, with devastation and death. Alas! for the policy of so-called Christian nations in their relations to China. But the Lord reigneth! Righteousness and truth shall yet meet together in national and international movements. The King shall reveal himself to be the Prince of Peace. The remainder of wrath will He restrain. But our work in Foochow is now under fire. Our young missionaries press their way to meet strife and confusion. Therefore let it and them have a special place in our prayers.



## NORTH CHINA.

## MISSIONARIES.

MISS ANNIE B. SEARS,

MISS E. AKERS, M.D.,

MISS E. YATES,

MRS. C. JEWELL,

MISS C. M. CUSHMAN (Home on leave).

## PEKING.

Peking, with its area of twenty-five square miles, is divided by walls into two parts—the Chinese City and the Tartar City. Within the latter are the Imperial buildings and government offices, also walled in. The mission premises of our church are just inside the city gate, and quite near the Foreign Legations. Our own Society has here a house and school building, and on another lot a Home and Hospital.

This mission was opened in 1869, and in 1871 Miss Brown and Miss Porter were sent by the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society to commence a work which, under the Divine blessing, has had a steady growth until the present time. The year has been marked with a good degree of prosperity in the boarding school. Miss Cushman left in May, and the whole care devolved upon Miss Sears and Mrs. Jewell. The schools closed with the usual examinations, which are coming to be of greater interest as the girls advance in their studies, each year taking new ones. Some of the older girls have assisted in instructing the lower classes, meanwhile making commendable progress in the "course" prescribed for the higher grade. The school numbered forty-eight at its close, nine of whom remain during vacation; the remainder going to their homes, as it seems best to give them an opportunity to see what they will have to meet, and how much of strength and grace will be needed to stand the opposition that must set in against them when they have left school life. And it will also be for the advancement of the work in giving the people to see that no harm has come to these girls in having associated with the "foreigners." More than half the pupils are the children of Christians.

Miss Cushman writes: "We have now so many large girls in school that we hire no sewing done. Thirteen of the girls have received instruction on the organ, and have made such proficiency as to be able to take their turn in playing at morning prayers. We each spend a half day in school, so that there is the constant presence of both a native and foreign teacher. Silent study is enforced, and the same order insisted upon that we should desire at home. We find it is not desirable to receive very young girls. All the larger girls, are professing Christians. A new girl is assigned to the care of an older girl who is sure to teach her to pray, and the school rises *en masse* against a girl who will not 'say her prayers.' Over twenty of our girls have had their feet unbound. Next to telling them of Jesus, perhaps the best thing we do for them is to take off the bandages that would make them hobble through life on crushed and aching feet. The thing has ceased to be strange, and we mark

with delight the growing sentiment in its favor among the church members. We thank God that He gave the noble ladies who founded the school broad and far-seeing wisdom that led them to establish the precedent of unbinding feet; and we thank Him to-day that He is allowing us to help to hasten the time when even in China our sisters shall 'run and not be weary, walk and not faint.' There is an inspiration felt from this school all through the borders of this entire district reached by our Mission, even to the most distant stations."

Another plan for this school is alluded to by Mrs. Jewell. "Miss Sears and I are trying to institute an industrial department in the school. We believe it will, when in working order, not only be an economy to the Society, but a very valuable educator to the girls. While it is a blessing to anybody to know how to work, it will be especially to these girls, for they have no future life of ease to look forward to, and if they can learn cheerfully to work it may be a great help to them in time to come. Other missions are much stirred on the subject of building up self-supporting work. As the education of girls in North China is considered of no importance, scarcely a girl in the school but what is put there to be clothed and fed. If the parents were required to do this, the result would be most of the girls would stay at home where they might sew or do some other kind of work by which they might earn their food. Hence, the only way for making the work in any measure self-supporting must be to give them some employment here at the school, so that they can really help themselves. We propose right away to get such little spinning wheels as the Chinese use for the purpose, and have the girls learn to spin thread; and then, when we have additional rooms, we may put up looms for weaving cloth."

The day schools have been continued through the year, and shedding rays of light in many dark homes. The training school for Bible women, opened by Mrs. Gamewell, in 1881, has continued under her efficient supervision until nearly the close of the present year, when Mr. Gamewell decided to accept an appointment to West China, which will necessitate some change; possibly the women may be sent to Tientsin, in charge of Miss Yates, where accommodations are ample.

### TIENTSIN.

Miss Yates writes, early in the year: "Upon my return from the country, where I was for several weeks, I found that the enthusiasm of the teacher and interest of the scholars had somewhat abated, the attendance having decreased to six. Last week one of these, only fifteen years of age, was taken from the school to be married. I was very much troubled to see the attendance so reduced and so little accomplished by what is considered one of the best evangelizing agencies. I laid the whole matter before the Lord, and then went out among the people, and succeeded in obtaining six scholars in two days. Saturday they came to my study to sing, and I gave to each a card with the text, 'Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved.' I take great satis-

action in the thought that the young girl who is to be married and goes to live in a distant province has learned the way of salvation, and I believe it can never be utterly forgotten, even though she may be surrounded by superstition and idolatry. I have a number of women who are learning to read, and many who are not willing to try to read are pleased to listen to me while I talk of Christ. I often sit with them, and while they sew or continue their household duties, tell them of my home 'beyond the seas,' and why I left it to come to this strange land. Disinterested motives they are very slow to comprehend, but they never fail to wonder at the sacrifice, for, to a Chinaman, native land and ancestry are loved and cherished as his own life. To live and die with their fathers is to be desired above anything else. A prayer meeting for women and children has been held weekly, with an attendance varying from five to twenty-five. A part of the time this meeting has been held in the chapel of the Mission, and has been open to promiscuous audiences. There has been respectful attention, and in many cases attentive listeners. In some instances these services have been followed by invitations to visit homes."

The Sunday school, of which Miss Yates has had charge, has had an average attendance of sixty scholars. Miss Yates and Dr. Akers made a country trip in April, being absent from Tientsin three weeks. They visited five stations, and saw many hopeful indications that the gospel leaven is working for the redemption of the "millions" of China.

Miss Yates writes: "I was especially encouraged in revisiting the section where I spent several weeks last winter. Sometimes in those lonely days it seemed to me that the 'line upon line and precept upon precept' made no impression whatever upon the callous consciences and benighted minds about me. My heart did realize something of the joyful reaping that follows tearful sowing as I saw that some of these people were standing upon a higher plane, mentally and spiritually, because of my efforts, though made in much weakness."

The examinations of the day schools, now five in number, were also very satisfactory.

Dr. Akers, in referring to this visit to the out stations, in which she administered to about two hundred sick people, endorses most fully the sentiment, "It is of use to go among these people," and they appreciate it, too. They were respectful, and evinced no unreasonable curiosity in regard to our persons. In fact, many times we heard them saying we were quite like them, only we did not wear ear-rings, and had large feet.

Our whole journey was a pleasant one, and did our hearts and souls good, but was rather hard physically. The day before we reached home I was thirteen hours in the saddle, while Miss Yates was jolted over rough roads in a flat-bottomed cart, without springs. When we reached our inn, at nine o'clock in the evening, we were too tired to think of supper. Miss Yates nibbled a bit of dry cake, while I appeased my long-empty stomach on a fossil biscuit and

piece of cold mutton; meanwhile dragging my stiffening limbs back and forth across the little room, with its uneven earthen floor, fearing to go to bed until I had "been exercised," lest the morning should find me too unwilling to mount for the home stretch.

The last of July these ladies made another trip, and found so much to cheer and encourage them, that they were more than repaid for the fatigue and excessive heat.

Dr. Howard has had charge of the medical work for the year, as usual, although Dr. Akers attended to it from the last of December until about the middle of April, Dr. Howard being able to see patients only a few days during that time. The Dispensary was open every day, with about the usual number in attendance. Dr. Akers refers to an in-patient for whom she was much interested—"a mother who came with her sick daughter, from a town some twenty miles away. Her mind seemed prepared for the seed-sowing. She did not worship idols—had not for a long time—simply because she did not believe in them. Her friends had accused her of being a Mohammedan. She denied the accusation, but told them that she was not going to worship wood, stone and paper. Her daughter was past recovery, but during the time we were trying what we could do for her. I believe the sick and the well both received, through the help of Miss Yates and the enlightening of the Holy Spirit, the knowledge of the Truth to the saving of the soul."

The marriage of Dr. Howard, on the twenty-first of August, removed her from the work of our Society, as Mr. King is a member of the London Mission. Dr. Akers will carry on the work in the Isabella Fisher Hospital. In a recent letter she says: "This month we have begun a new plan with the Dispensary. We have felt, for a long time, that more than we were doing must be done for the people that come but once perhaps, and so we have put the little organ into one of the rooms in the Dispensary, and every morning as the patients come they are put in this room to wait. Miss Yates sings, and talks and prays, giving to such as can read a text, or tract, or catechism. I call them by a bell to my room, one by one, and treat them for their bodily ailments. Poor things! They are so fearfully stupid and blind with all their sinfulness. We do need your prayers very often for sympathy and loving interest for such. The times of refreshing by sight are comparatively few here."

A good deal of excitement and suspense has prevailed in the Mission since the war clouds have been gathering. Miss Yates, in a hasty note, says: "You will be feeling very anxious about us, but I assure you that we are in no danger personally. Our 'country trips' may not be advisable for the present, but we shall keep about our work, feeling secure for the present at least. All this may be just what is needed in bringing this selfish, covetous nation to a better understanding of their own weakness."

## CENTRAL CHINA.

## CHIN KIANG.

## MISSIONARIES.

MISS LUCY HOAG, M. D.,

MISS MARY C. ROBINSON.

The city of Chin Kiang, which is situated at the junction of the Grand Canal with the Yang-tse-kiang river, forty-five miles northeast of Nankin, is a very important center and key to the province. In January, 1884, Misses Hoag and Robinson were sent out by the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, the one to take charge of the boarding school, the other to open medical work. With the warm sympathy and active co-operation of the Missionaries of the Parent Board, the work was commenced, and bids fair to make one of the most promising fields in China. While learning the language, Miss Robinson will labor at a great disadvantage, but Dr. Hoag, with her thorough knowledge of Chinese people as well as tongue, finds ready access everywhere in the use of the healing art, and already the medical work is fairly inaugurated. For want of suitable accommodations, she has a dispensary at the chapel, and in one month gave medicine to eight hundred and fifty patients. Miss Robinson says: "Nothing could be more satisfactory than the outlook for Miss Hoag's medical work at the present time. In her quiet way she has inspired a great deal of confidence already, and patients are daily increasing in number." Of one of these she adds: "One of her first patients came with some eye trouble, which was soon cured. Then he had her treat his little boy. In the course of the child's sickness one kind of medicine was so distasteful that he could only be induced to take a small portion (about one-third). So, when the father returned the medicine, he said the child was still sick, but *one-third* better than he had been. Miss Hoag had to seek a new remedy for the remaining two-thirds of ill health." It is hoped another year will show the development of a growing, aggressive work.

## KIU KIANG.

Since Miss Howe left this field, nearly a year ago, we have had no representative there. Some money has been expended on the school, which has been cared for by Mrs. Kupfer. It is earnestly hoped that arrangements can be made for the further prosecution of the work in this field, with the support its importance demands. As no estimates were forwarded, the future of the work in Kiu Kiang remains in the hands of the Reference Committee.

## WEST CHINA.

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*Missionary*—MISS FRANCES WHEELER.

Some facts give special interest and importance to this field: First—its great size, 166,800 square miles. Second—its great population, 26,000,000, or more than half that of the United States, and with its contiguous and easily

accessible provinces, 90,000,000. Third—the almost entire absence of any Protestant Missionaries, or, indeed, of any foreign influence. It is virgin soil into which to drop the seed of the Kingdom. Fourth—the peculiar simplicity of the people, and their remarkable receptivity of the Gospel. This is especially true of the women. Their eagerness to learn is exceptional among Chinese women. Dr. Wheeler, who opened this mission about two years ago, but has been compelled to leave it on account of ill health, writes just before leaving: “The work is certainly opening up most promisingly in every department. Crowds of men, women and children come to see us and hear the Gospel. The girl’s school is full, and many desiring to enter have, of necessity, been turned away. There has been no such opening of our work in any other part of China, as we have already seen, in this frontier province. On a recent Sunday a great concourse of people gathered in our Chapel to see and hear. The room was more than filled, and overflow meetings were held. On returning from Chapel to the house I found my daughter in the large pavillion, surrounded by perhaps 400 women and children. She had been there a long time singing and talking the Gospel to her interested hearers. Our helpers estimated that there must have been between four and five thousand people on the premises and on the street seeking admission. I am gaining a new idea of the possibilities of missionary work in China.” Dr. Crews writes: “Our Chapel will hold about 500, and last Sunday it was overcrowded. The attendance of women is greater than that of men, and they always remain through the whole service, which is not always true of the men. The greatest number of applicants for medical treatment is from the women. The value of gospelized medicine can hardly be overestimated. Parents are so willing to have their children attend the Mission schools that they readily comply with any conditions we make. The boy’s school was filled the day it was opened. Miss Wheeler is doing a grand work for the girls. Daily she is compelled to refuse applicants because she cannot take them in. Our native Christians show an eagerness and faithfulness that many of our home Christians would do well to equal.”

Children learn to sing as readily and as accurately as American children do, and seem to enjoy it more. While China is a nation of noise, it is destitute of music, but the children are learning the grand old hymns of the ages, and that gives promise of a better day. Probably no other field in China affords such grand opportunities for Mission work as Suchuen province, and our church is the only one represented there. Rev. S. Lewis writes: “Not only on the Sabbath services is the attendance increased, but on class, prayer and Bible meetings. Our weekly prayer meeting has grown from a dozen a few months ago to between 25 and 30, and our Sabbath afternoon Bible meetings for study show about the same number. A few weeks ago Mrs. Lewis began a Sabbath morning class of women for the study of the ‘Chief Incidents in the Life of Christ.’ Beginning with eight the number is now eighteen. Our work is great and promising, and we rejoice in it. When I see what God is



doing among us I often think surely the good people at home are praying for the West China Mission." Miss Wheeler writes: "The annals of our West China Mission will scarce record events more encouraging than those of the present year. The Father's guiding hand may be traced through them all, leading and directing in even the minutest details. But, to tell, in whole, the story of the providential opening up of the work in this distant province would, I fear, tax the patience of my reader; therefore I shall confine myself to a few of the most important undertakings achieved during the last twelve months.

"Unwilling to see so many opportunities pass by unimproved solely on account of the absence of mission premises, I took the responsibility, a year ago, of renting a desirable place not far from the compound owned by the Parent Mission. Some repairs were made and a few improvements added, leaving it in good condition. Word was then given out that a girls' school would open on the first day of October. Early Monday morning, long before breakfast, troops of little ones began to gather in, each under the escort of a mother, sister, cousin or aunt. About nine o'clock I repaired to the room where a motley crowd impatiently awaited my arrival; and, after a few preliminary remarks, the regulations drawn up by a literary gentleman at my suggestion were subjected in turn to the several guardians, each being requested, as a token of approval, to affix a cross to the name of her particular charge, thereby confiding her to my care for at least three years, and giving me perfect liberty to control her actions while in the school room. Owing to circumstances, it was thought advisable to place the limit of admission at twenty-two, and, in spite of many protestations and hundreds of applications, none were added to the original number until later in the year. At present I have twenty-eight dear little girls to love and teach. Their ages range from seven to thirteen, and among them may be found almost every variety of physique and disposition.

"Fair progress has been made in study, and there is every reason to expect that some of the children will yet be a credit to their instructors. Several of them profess to love Jesus, and declare that they no longer believe in nor bow down to the idols whom their parents worship. I think they are truly in earnest, and my sincere prayer is that strength may be given them sufficient to withstand the ridicule and slight that must be encountered should they become pronounced disciples of our Lord. One of the youngest of the pupils, a bright, attractive child, has been accepted as a probationer. Her father and mother are both Christians—the latter a woman of great faith and sweet character. The Sunday school is a source of much enjoyment to the girls, and many of them are also regular attendants on the Friday evening class. This means of grace was instituted two or three months ago for the benefit of the members of my woman's reading class and the scholars; but others have joined, until now between thirty and forty of us meet together weekly for prayer, testimony and song."

## JAPAN.

From one of the last published letters of the lamented Bishop Wiley, written after the organization of the Japan Annual Conference, the following extract is taken, furnishing a most fitting introduction to reports from the different fields in Japan which received his kind attention and hearty approval at this meeting:

"One of the very pleasing features of the Conference was the presence of nearly the entire force of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society. The action of the last General Conference seemed to be intended to bring the workers of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society into closer relations with the work and workers of the Missionary Society. In this Mission there has always prevailed the utmost harmony between the two branches of workers. Yet both parties felt that the new order of things was a decided improvement, and that it would make them more co-operative and efficient. The ladies held daily meetings, planning for their work, and, among other things, organized a 'Woman's Conference,' embracing all the ladies of the Mission. They also were the movers in a well-arranged four years' course of study in the Japanese language, which they pledge themselves to pursue systematically, and most of the younger missionaries have determined to join them in it. In the large dining-room of the admirable school building of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society we all had the very great pleasure of dining at a common table day by day, and these occasions were seasons of refreshing in more senses than one. The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society has a corps of choice ladies in Japan, working in the four fields of our Mission—Tokio, Yokohama, Hakodati and Nagasaki—and I feel called upon to speak in the highest terms of the good work they are accomplishing. It was a pleasure to me to 'read out' their appointments for the ensuing year, feeling that they were going forth to as important and effectual work as any others to whom I was assigning their fields of labor."

## TOKIO.

## MISSIONARIES.

MISS M. A. SPENCER,

MISS A. P. ATKINSON,

MISS M. J. HOLBROOK (Home on leave).

MISS R. WATSON.

From a full report of the work in Tokio, sent by Miss Holbrook, the following is taken: "The year just closing has been one of uninterrupted prosperity. The health of teachers and pupils has been good. Regularity in school duties has been the rule in most cases, making the work much easier than heretofore. Since September, we have had eighty pupils under our care. One has married a Christian teacher in the Agricultural School at Nagoya, one girl of fourteen died, and several, whose contracts had expired, returned home; so our number now is seventy. Forty of these are Christians. Six girls and our cook were baptized last winter, and a thoughtful girl of sixteen is

to be received into the church soon. Of those taken into the church last year, none have made shipwreck of their faith, but we see evidences of Christian growth, and some of the older girls have developed into efficient helpers in Sunday-school and religious work. Our examinations and commencement exercises had added interest this year, from the fact that two young ladies graduated in the English department—our first. Both are young women of more than ordinary ability. One will be retained in the school, as teacher; the other has gone to Yokohama, to assist Rev. J. C. Davidson in the preparation and revision of hymns for the new Japanese hymnal. She is esteemed among her people as a poetess of special promise. Mr. Davidson writes of her: 'O Yen San has real poetic genius. I praise the Lord for such help.' Her graduating essay, 'Japanese Poets and their Poetry,' was spoken of by all in highest terms. The examinations in Japanese etiquette were very interesting. Little attention has been paid to this in mission schools, and the better class of the people have objected, that girls under our care learn foreign tastes and manners, to the neglect of their own. Though as yet our schools are in the formative period, still we feel they are meeting the wants of the people better every year, and it cannot now be said that we unfit girls for homes among the people. The last exercise in the etiquette examination was a mock feast, in which one girl took the part of guest, and several others acted as attendants. The dinner was a ceremonious one, and, though the food was all simulated, fish, vegetables, etc., being artistically made of cloth, everything was handled so deftly, and the movements of the waiters were so graceful, that it was a very pretty sight. There has been a class in Japanese cookery the greater part of the year, and Japanese sewing and fancy work are taught by the matron. Mrs. Van Petten and Miss Atkinson have had charge of the English department this year. At Tamachi, the work has prospered beyond our expectations. It had been impossible to find a larger house, though the rooms were insufficient for our wants. But at last a man offered to build a suitable house if we would pay the rent eighteen months in advance. We were glad to accept the contract, and now the school is going on prosperously in the new quarters. There are nearly fifty pupils in attendance at the day school, and the average at the Sunday school is about fifty-five. We hope to have the building used as a preaching place next; have also plans for a night school. The tuition fees of the pupils have paid the rent for some months. At Kenda Mrs. Van Petten has a most interesting women's class, in connection with the Sunday school. She has also a 'reading circle' once a week. This meeting is of a social nature, one woman reading from some simple religious book, while the others sew or knit. The women, in turns, gladly open their houses for the meeting. The infant department of the Sunday school has been taught most successfully by one of our girls. We have also opened a day school in the neighborhood. It is under Miss Atkinson's care, and the outlook is hopeful. The Japanese teachers in the day schools are consulting with each other on the advisability of a uniform course of study, corresponding with that of the preparatory

department of the boarding school, so that they can be reported to the Government as teachers of 'Tsukiji school. Occasional union meetings have been held for the women of all our Methodist churches in Tokio, with very good results. Religious services occupy about half an hour, after which light refreshments are served, and an hour spent in social converse. Nowhere can cake and tea be made a 'means of grace' as well as in Japan. The Tsukiji Sunday school is united with that of the Parent Board, is a very flourishing one, and as interesting as one of our home schools. Children's day was observed in Tokio this year, for the first time. Three hundred pupils from the different Methodist Episcopal schools were present. Songs and recitations from the pupils, followed by two or three short speeches, made up the programme. The church was beautifully decorated with flowers, and as the representatives of the schools or classes brought their offerings to the altar, they brought also small bouquets, which were placed in a cross of green prepared for the purpose. The offerings from individual pupils were sometimes only a fraction of a cent in value, but they amounted to four yen—equal to four dollars—a handsome sum in the eyes of the Japanese. The flowers were sent next day to a charity hospital, and to sick people in the neighborhood. The weekly prayer meetings have been a benefit to all engaged in them. The women talk and pray with the greatest freedom. A Scripture Reading Union, and also a society on the plan of the Chautauqua Literary Circle, have been organized, and numbers of women have become members. There are signs of activity all along the lines, and, though God has not worked among us with the pentecostal power of last year, He has given us at times unmistakable evidences of His presence. We have seen emotion crystallize into fixed principle, the weak made strong, and our own hearts drawn out as never before in love and sympathy for the women and girls of Japan."

In August Bishop Wiley organized the Mission into an Annual Conference. Mrs. Van Petten was transferred to Yokohama, where she will have charge of the training school for Bible women, and Miss Watson was appointed to the English work in Tokio. A Woman's Conference was organized, and a course of study marked out for Missionaries and Bible women. Five of the wives of Missionaries will probably take up work this year. The memory of the prayer meeting at the close, writes one of the ladies, "will help us all through the year." September 15th the Tokio school re-opened, and the same afternoon the most furious typhoon that had visited the place for twenty years swept over Tokio. It wrought great damage to the school building, entirely unroofing part, and blowing the tiles from a large portion of the rest. Two days later a heavy rain storm flooded the house through the open roof, damaging the rooms to such an extent that all were crowded into the dining room. Many who were sent home to wait for repairs came back saying their own houses had been completely blown away. The damage is estimated at \$400, and will be paid from the balance on hand in the Tokio treasury.

## YOKOHAMA.

## MISSIONARIES.

MISS E. J. BENTON,

MRS. CARRIE VAN PETTEN.

The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society made their first appropriation for this field in May, 1877—providing for one day school and two Bible women—and the work was commenced under the supervision of Mrs. Correll. In January following the school numbered forty-four pupils, and was increasing in attendance and interest when the severe illness of Mrs. Correll and the prevalence of cholera rendered its suspension a necessity. It was re-opened, and upon Miss Higgins' arrival she took charge, and it soon outgrew the accommodations provided for it, and a large room was secured. A prosperous Sunday school was connected with it, and much seed-sowing done. After Miss Higgins' death Mrs. Correll again took the care of the work, which she most faithfully looked after until she left for home, very early in 1882. Mrs. Draper in turn kept up the work, as did also Mr. Soper, who was acting as Superintendent of the Mission in Dr. Maclay's absence. He, with other members of the mission, made very strong appeals for help to be sent as soon as possible.

At the executive meeting of the New England Branch, in April, 1882, letters were read from some of our workers in Tokio, pleading for the work in Yokohama. The suggestion was made that our Branch secure a "Home" for our missionaries who shall be sent to this important field," and with great unanimity a vote was passed to do this; leave from the Reference Committee was secured, negotiations were entered into with the Parent Board for the building erected and used for the Theological school; terms secured, and in May, 1883, the announcement was made by the Treasurer that the amount required for the payment of the house had been received and paid over to the proper authorities, "\$3,500 for a Memorial Home;" all this over and above the regular appropriations. Miss Benton was sent in 1882, and Miss Watson in 1883. Miss Benton did solid, substantial work for nearly a year after her arrival, when she began to surrender to "climatic influences," and it was feared she would be compelled to return home. But in February of this year she was able to resume study, and has been hard at work ever since, looking after the schools, and making preparations for a Training school for Bible women, as this evangelistic work is so much needed.

A transfer of Mrs. Van Petten from Tokio to Yokohama was asked in the spring, and Miss Watson to go to Tokio as teacher of English, but the matter was not fully settled until Bishop Wiley's visit, when this appointment was made by him.

Mrs. Van Petten writes: "The day after Conference closed I picked up my individual belongings, and the next morning came to Yokohama, where I am still busy in getting settled and becoming acquainted. We had a delightful Conference, ending with one hour's prayer meeting that warmed our hearts



more than almost any former meeting in Japan has done, and we separated pledged to fifteen minutes 'daily earnest prayer for the work, ourselves and each other.' We petitioned for a regular 'course of study' and 'examiners,' which was granted, much to my delight, as I have been wanting this all the time. We were much pleased to witness the enthusiasm with which the native preachers hailed the establishment of the 'School for Bible women.' I was a little surprised, too, for I did not know they were so much interested. We shall open the school Wednesday, September 17th, we think, with at least seven pupils, most of them widows. The fact that I have been married gives me greater freedom in visiting outside churches, which is a very important item in the work I have undertaken. I want to open correspondence with some Christian woman in each of our churches, and with all our married daughters, in order to help them establish reading bands, and lead them to feel that we are all one. This, with my daily teaching of the Bible in Japanese, and the study that will be necessary to enable me to do this, will give me plenty to do. These seven women, who are to be received as the first pupils in our school, represent seven different localities, and it is our hope to get one from each of our churches before long. I must confess to you that it occasioned me some sorrow of heart to leave the Home in Tokio, a place that has always been very dear to me ever since my first arrival in Japan, and nothing but the profound conviction that the best interests of the work demanded the change would ever have made me consent to come to Yokohama. That being clear, however, of course I shall be happy here."

The matter of our day schools was pretty thoroughly discussed in the Conference, and a strong sentiment expressed that in regard to them we conform to the usages of the country, in allowing them to be "mixed," as all the primary schools are, and there would be a great loss of influence, as many would not allow a separation of the sexes.

In looking over the work in this field we feel confident that at no time during the seven years of its existence has it been so full of encouragement. The Home will afford ample accommodations for the Training school, which is sure to become a centre of religious influence and power, from which shall emanate blessed, life-giving rays, to gladden and purify hearts and homes in this land where civilization and Christianity are winning such triumphs. The great readiness of the people to receive the truth, and their eagerness for the knowledge and improvements of the "West," are most favorable for scattering the "seed of the kingdom" in this soil, apparently so ready for it, and to multiply to the extent of our ability the fostering influences so necessary just at this critical period, when the Government has abolished the "State religions;" or rather, as a recent writer says: "Government could not elevate Christianity to the same level as Buddhism and Shintoism, so the latter have been put on the same level with Christianity." This means open toleration and protection, and a passport to preach the Gospel in any part of the Empire. "Religion" is the great topic, and the common people are examining for themselves the



relative value of their "old faith" and Christianity. That the time may hasten when from every city, village and hamlet of all this "Island-Empire" may be heard the universal testimony, "the Lord He is the God—the Lord He is the God," resulting not merely from intellectual comparisons, but coming from the fullness of human hearts saved by a Divine Redeemer. The home church should gird herself anew for this work, multiplying agencies, material and moral forces, that shall be somewhat commensurate with the magnitude of this demand.

## HAKODATI.

### MISSIONARIES.

MISS M. HAMPTON,

MISS E. J. HEWETT,

MISS F. N. HAMISFAR, M. D.

Last year an application from Miss Hampton, strongly endorsed by the Church authorities at Hakodati, was presented to the General Executive Committee, asking for an enlargement of the boarding school. This could be done by erecting a third building in the rear, and uniting the Memorial School House and the present Home. In answer to this request, \$5,000 were sent out, and with gratitude the offering was accepted, and the work commenced at once. It was completed in time for school to open in September, and sixty pupils were expected, so that this school promises to be as large as our other boarding schools in Japan. During the past year, ten of the school girls have offered themselves as candidates for baptism. Bishop Wiley speaks of the work in this school as very satisfactory. The working force in Hakodati was much strengthened early in the year by the arrival of Miss Hamisfar, M. D., who proves herself to be in every respect a counsellor and helper. A letter from Dr. Hamisfar soon came pleading for an assistant for Miss Hampton in the school work, and showing that already the constant strain upon this faithful Missionary was being felt, and if we would keep her cheerful service, she must be speedily reinforced. Accordingly, in October of this year, Miss Ella Hewett, was sent out by the Philadelphia Branch, and is, we trust, already at her post. The same sweet religious influence prevails in this school that has made toil a pleasure in Tokio and Nagasaki. Perhaps this has been our hardest work in Japan, and the success seems more marked in contrast with the difficulties overcome. With the new building, and two teachers for the boarding school, with the medical work of Miss Hamisfar, the future is very hopeful.

## NAGASAKI.

### MISSIONARIES.

MISS E. RUSSELL,

MISS G. HOWE,

MISS J. M. GHEER,

MISS E. EVERDING.

The blessing of God still abides with the work and workers at Nagasaki. The year has been a fruitful one in many ways. The highest enrollment in the school was ninety-six, and the progress of the girls in mental culture, as well as in Christian character, has been a marked one. From time to time,

accessions have been made to the Church, and the lives of those professing Christianity are consistent. They have gone through the catechism. Miss Russell says: "We have New Testament lessons every morning at eight o'clock, and every day I have three classes in Old Testament History, and three times a week English Bible reading with those most advanced in English. At the year's closing exercises, which for the first time was made public, a full programme was carried through, and the closing day brought out a chapel full of visitors. Thirty-five girls received class certificates and passed to a higher class. We mark them in daily lessons and in monthly review on the scale of 100; 75 being required to pass. The highest was 97½. I am glad to say there are only one or two unpromising girls in the whole number. There was little sickness during the year, but one bright girl died. The first class, six in number, will graduate in three years. They are all very bright, and all Christians but one." Owing to some exigencies in the work, Miss Gertrude Howe was transferred to Nagasaki for a time, and her support and passage met by the Cincinnati Branch, the Northwestern kindly consenting to the same. Miss Everding reached Japan in December last, so that there are now four ladies in that growing field. Miss Everding is making rapid progress in the language, and is proving herself an instrument "fifty chosen" for the Master's service. The arrival of these two ladies released Miss Gheer for the work among the women, for which she is peculiarly adapted, and which is now carried on most successfully. She has four regular classes, besides working three villages among the women. One of these opened under pleasing circumstances. One of the little girls, seven years old, went home one day last winter. Her parents were heathen, but she told them she must ask a blessing at the table, which she did. She sang her little hymns, learned in the school, and told them how happy it was at the school, how the girls loved one another, and that the "Jesus religion" made people happy. The parents sent to know if they might come sometimes, and learn about the way that made their little girl so happy. Both father and mother came several times to Miss Gheer's Monday evening meeting, held in the chapel. Then they invited Miss Gheer to come to their house and hold a meeting, that their neighbors wanted to come. Now once a week she goes there, and finds a room full of interested listeners, thus verifying the promise given, for the days of Messiah's reign, "A little child shall lead them." Miss Gheer has many invitations to open work among the women in villages and out-stations. As in other fields, the people in the country places receive the Gospel more willingly than those in cities. Already the light kindled in Nagasaki is attracting attention in the dark places in the island of Kiu Sieu. Our ladies have been asked to open branch schools at the out-stations, and in a few years they will be able to furnish teachers from the school.

Some time ago a girl came to Nagasaki from a province 120 miles away, who wanted to graduate in the school, and then go back and establish a school for girls in her own province. She brought two other girls with her, who are

to assist her in her work. She had not heard of Christianity, but wanted an education, and as she could not get admission into the higher grade Government schools, she set out to get an education in her own way. Her father is a high class Japanese, but poor, and though he sympathizes with her ambition, cannot help her much materially. These girls have become Christians since they came into the school, and it will be a Christian school that will be established in that distant province. So the leaven of God's truth is spreading. During the last year a movement has been made in the direction of establishing something on the plan of the C. L. S. C., with a view of developing family reading in native Christian families. Of course it had to be modified greatly. A membership card is given, and a course of reading marked out for some months in advance.

Among the pleasant things of the year was an unusual number of missionary visitors. India and China were well represented among these, and fellow workers in Japan from several stations. At one time seven members of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society force in Japan were there for a day or two together. After some years of semi-isolation it was a great treat to our ladies to compare plans and hopes together. Then Miss Russell and Miss Gheer went to Conference, encountering a typhoon on the way, but reaching Tokio safely a day late. The organization of the "Woman's Conference," as set forth in Bishop Wiley's letter, with a course of study and committees for classes of work, is a very important feature in the year's history.

Miss Russell says: "The year has been crowned with mercy and with good. Surely we can trust the loving Father, who has brought us this far, for whatever the future may bring. How thankful we are for your prayers."

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## BULGARIA.

*Missionary*—MISS LINNA M. SCHENCK.

The work of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society in Bulgaria consists of a boarding school at Loftcha, established and heretofore carried on by Rev. Mr. Challis, of the Parent Board, and a primary school at Rustchuk, which has lately been established under the care of a good teacher. Three years of labor, three removals, two prolonged contests with the authorities of the Government, and much patient and impatient waiting were involved in the establishment of the school at Loftcha; and now, considering that the officers of the Government have been changed, and those in power are not unfriendly to Missions, and that a commodious school building, well furnished and already occupied by twenty pupils, is ready for Miss Schenck's use as soon as she arrives, it seems not amiss to look back and note the path by which we have been led. Rev. Mr. Challis writes:

"We proposed opening first at Sistof, but the difficulty of obtaining suitable quarters led us to think we might do better in the interior, in the more salubri-

ous atmosphere of the Balkans. Our first removal was to Troian, where we opened the school in hired houses, and carried it on a year. The natural surroundings were very good, and the readiness of the people to hear the Gospel made us hope we had made the best selection of a place; but when we attempted to purchase property we found the ecclesiastical authorities prepared to resist, and were reluctantly compelled to abandon that hope and look further. The malarious climate and high prices of the Danube towns made us hesitate about going there. Loftcha was near at hand, but much of the city lies in a deep hollow, and is very undesirable as a place of residence. Plovna is in the midst of a rich country, but is unhealthy. While in doubt, it was suggested that in the part of Loftcha called the Thresher's Mahalla a desirable place might be found. In company with our Bulgarian proctor we looked over the ground, and found on the hill, immediately over the main street, a section formerly settled by Turks, now lying idle, with no one to purchase the vacant lots. The houses had been torn down, and the material removed. A growth of weeds higher than our heads covered the place. We sat down under a walnut tree that now shades a corner of our house, and talked the matter over, deciding to buy if possible. But it must be done without the knowledge of the old Bishop, whose house was just opposite, and who had stirred up the Troyanites to drive us off. A brother was sent to make the purchase in his own name, and found the owners ready to sell at a low figure, and soon concluded a bargain with them; and now another trial began. The local court was in no hurry about legalizing the purchase, and hinted that 'bachsheesh' was in order. Not taking the hint, we had to wait six months before a deed was made out in the name of our agent, who secured the lot to me. Summer had passed, and we had to look for winter quarters for our school. A long search ended by renting a dilapidated Turkish house, on a lot adjoining our proctor's. This, with some repairing, most of which I did myself, was fitted up for a boarding hall. A lumberman's shanty would have done as well. A room in the proctor's house served as a school-room, and part of another Turkish house was rented for my family. It was like beginning in the wilderness, and a more howling wilderness than a strange city full of hostile people I do not care to see. Still the school was kept up, and in the spring preparations were made for building, and then came the signal for war. The Bishop preached a crusade against Protestants. He would have them driven from Lottcha and from Bulgaria 'if it cost every hair of his beard.' If the men had not courage, he would call out the women and drive us from the hill. A petition to expel us from the city was circulated. I went to Sophia, and obtained leave to go on with our building; then another petition was sent up, supported this time by the Prefect, who was a graduate of Roberts College, and had heretofore professed friendship for us. The ministry then sent an order that we must not be permitted to open a school in Loftcha. The last order was irrelevant, for we had already been running the school for two years, and had violated no law. We could get no permission to erect a school building, but no one could prevent us building as large a private resi-

dence as we chose, nor from having school in a private house. Leave for this was granted, and after many vexations and much hard work we were able to move into the house in October, and opened school the first of November. This continued until the middle of January, when orders came to close the school. We re-opened this year, and have now fifteen boarding pupils. Seven of these have been with us ever since we first opened in Troian. They will require two or three more years to graduate. Two have come from the Samakoff School, and hope to graduate this year. This year we required every one to pay at least half a franc a week, and to those who had no means we divided up the housework, so that all could help themselves in part at least."

The work in the boarding department is all done by the girls. Their ages range from fifteen to twenty-five. The course of study includes the ordinary branches, algebra, natural sciences, vocal music, and English. They are taught in the Bulgarian tongue, but some of them are pretty good English scholars. Two of the older pupils are to assist in the school this year. Miss Schenck, who has been sent to care for this work, is an experienced teacher, and we hope to hear of most successful work. An excellent Bulgarian teacher has been employed to teach under her care. A new parsonage has been built in the school enclosure, and Mr. Challis and family will remove to it as soon as the growing needs of the school make more room necessary. The school opened September 3d, 1884, and the appropriations asked for the coming year cover thirty scholarships. The school at Rustchuk was soon to receive personal oversight from Mr. Challis. Hindered by persecution, straightened for lack of means and more teachers, with fears for the future, the prospects for the work have been dark. But the hindrances have been removed, and with thankful hearts our workers in Bulgaria look forward to another year's labor.

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## ITALY.

From a letter of Dr. Vernon, written October 11th, the following extracts are made:

The estimates are substantially the same as those of last year, so far as relates to the Bible Women in Italy—with the addition of a few new names.

Mrs. Tollis is the wife of our present pastor in Venice; Mrs. Cruceani suffered such continuous, terrible head-ache there as to render their removal *necessary*—much to the regret of all parties concerned. Mrs. Tollis is of a noble family, and is really a Marchioness—which, while it means here nothing marvellous, involves a lineage of lustre, a certain tint and tone in the blood, and, when it does nothing more, does hang a glimmering nimbus about the personality—of a woman especially—which tones down deficiencies, heightens and beautifies good qualities and gifts, and inspires a certain unusual respect. Mrs. T. is, however, an amiable, well bred, fairly cultured, intelligent and good woman, and I believe, in connection with S. S. work especially, and in caring



for the females who may have any relation with our work, will be highly useful.

Mrs. Polsinelli is the wife of Rev. Dr. Polsinelli, our pastor in Naples. She is a good, strong woman, without children, and otherwise much such a person as Mrs. Tollis. She has been brave and faithful in the midst of the terrors of the cholera scourge in that city, having also had a slight attack of the disease herself.

Mrs. Lopa, at Bologna, is a good, plain, energetic Christian woman, wife of a member of our church there who has labored very successfully for ten years as a Colporteur, and who will greatly help his wife in her work. With our new church there, just completing, she will have a good field.

Mrs. Marini has been a teacher for several years, and is an unusually bright, spirited and capable woman.

Mrs. Cruciani will have a field at Modena, in some regards specially adapted to her. There are a good many Swiss living there—who are nominal, if not professing Protestants; though they are usually indifferent and hard to deal with, still where they can be interested they are valuable to our nascent church. Mrs. C., as a Swiss lady, will have access to these families and their associates, as another could not. These considerations were influential in determining their going to Modena, which is a beautiful city of 40,000 souls—one hour by rail from Bologna.

I have put into the estimates about the sum for sending out a lady, which was estimated last year for salary, traveling expenses, outfit, rent, etc. I know not what you may wish or be able to do in that line. I am ever of the opinion that as soon as you can find a good, capable, liberal-minded, serious woman, with no special fancies or freaks stirring her brain and heart—but the one intelligent and sustained purpose and ardor to save souls and build up the Kingdom of Christ—you ought to send her forward.

The scholastic and orphanage enterprise, which I had the honor to commend to the ladies I met at Philadelphia, and to others, is still a great *desideratum*—a pleasing dream and a devout wish which you alone can fulfill.

A lady has been accepted, and will probably be sent to Italy during the coming year.

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## SOUTH AMERICA.

### ROSARIO.

#### MISSIONARIES.

MISS J. M. CHAPIN.

MISS L. B. DENNING.

As our Missionaries in this field are not given to reporting their own work very extensively, we find our material for a full representation of the condition of this isolated branch of our Mission quite meagre. Nothing has been received from the Superintendent, hence our only knowledge comes from the brief letters written in the midst of many cares, and the added labor imposed by the utter failure of the health of Mrs. Turney very early in the year.



Reference was made in the report of last year to a suitable site having been secured, conditionally, for the new home, for which appropriations were made the year previous. This property was finely located, ample for the purpose—the lot being 87 feet by 225—with about forty young fruit trees, and ten grape vines. There was a house upon the lot, containing eight rooms. Some of the partitions were taken down and good school rooms made, and the new building has many conveniences unknown to the residents there. Our ladies planned the whole, and know how to appreciate these little things, which lessen work, and add greatly to the comfort of the occupants. The building cost one-third more than it would have done two years before, as the price of material and labor had greatly advanced, while land had doubled in value.

The school opened in the new house March 3d, and has had an attendance of sixty girls, from five to fifteen years of age. Miss Chapin says: "We try to teach purity of life every day. We open school with reading in the Bible, and the Lord's prayer, and close with recitations of verses from the New Testament, committed by the children. We have a Spanish Sunday School in our school-rooms every Sabbath afternoon, with thirty-six enrolled as scholars. There have been more than fifty different persons present, most of whom are day scholars. One Spanish gentleman and his wife come every Sunday, and sometimes other adults. We earnestly hope this service may be the means of bringing some to Christ for salvation. We are studying the 'Life of Christ' now, our lesson last Sunday being 'His Temptation in the Wilderness.'

"We visit among the families as we can find time and opportunity. Now there is a woman sick in the hospital whom we visit. The poor sufferers there seem so glad to see the face of a visitor, and receive a kind word. We would like to do more outside work, but are pressed with care and work at home. We think there ought to be some one here learning the language, ready to take up the work. A lady having a knowledge of music would be very useful here, provided she possessed good practical common sense also. Music alone is not a sufficient recommendation, as we have reason to know. We do greatly need some one who can play the organ or piano, to give variety to the exercises and interest the children. If she knew French, so much the better, but this is not essential now. I wish I could tell you how highly we appreciate our nice, comfortable Home, and how grateful we are to the dear ladies at home for all the comfort it affords us."

These two ladies, who care for the interests of this Society there, are genuine, unselfish, conscientious "laborers"—counting not "their own lives too dear" to give to and for this work.

Mrs. Turney has not been in Rosario for several months. The state of her health demanded absolute rest as the only hope for her ultimate recovery. She was planning to come home when she had an application to go into a Normal School in Cordova, to teach writing, three hours a day. She was slowly improving in strength, and hoping to do more work for the Master in

South America. The conflict between the "Clergy" and the Liberals is still raging, and there exists a very strong conviction that this question will be settled by the separation of "Church and State."

## MONTEVIDEO.

*Missionary*—MISS C. GUELFI.

Miss Guelfi writes of her work most encouragingly. She says: "The schools that have been under my direction during the past few months have continued to prosper in all things, and in some of them notably. The attendance of the pupils, which, according to the last report was 159, has grown to 236, an increase of 77 in the last few months. This is undoubtedly due in part to the religious character of our schools in the midst of this Catholic population. This brings at the same time a corresponding increase in the receipts of the schools. This result is confirming our hopes of each school, sooner or later, being able to cover its own expenses. In proof of this last statement, in the two months, April and May, we present the following statement, showing the proportion with which each school has contributed to their own expenses :

School No. 2.....	55 per cent.
School No. 3.....	37 "
School No. 4.....	36 "

"The actual appropriation of each one of them corresponds to a calculation made, so that without the necessity of much increase in such appropriation each school might admit a sufficient number of pupils to cover all its monthly expenses. Our increase may not be so large as for the last few months, but it will be none the less certain. With respect to the religious part of our work, I would say, though not as great as that of the numbers just given, it is none the less real. For natural and logical reasons, the masses that are being educated in our schools, moving in and breathing this atmosphere of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, will slowly, but surely, give a generation of Christian mothers—who will know, a little later, how to lead their own children to the fountain where they drank 'the truth that made them free.'

"That this work is providential and under the Divine benediction, there can be no doubt. I take great satisfaction in the duties of my work, which each day are increasingly important. But what would become of my schools—or what could I do alone—if I did not count on the valiant co-operation of my co-laborers? There are already eight girls, from the ages of 15 to 20 years, full of zeal, interest and love for the work to which they consecrate most of their time, and in which they show forth all the beautiful qualities they possess."

Owing to the difficulty of securing a suitable room, the school appropriated for on the "West side of the city" had not been opened. Thirty pupils had given their names to enter as soon as accommodations could be provided. And two other schools estimated for had not been opened for the same reason.

## BUENOS AYRES.

*Missionary*—MISS J. GOODENOUGH.

A little more than four years ago, some of the Sunday-school scholars of the poorer class asked the missionary in Buenos Ayres to teach them every day. They were gathered into one little room for this purpose, and when that was full to overflowing, the Lord put it into the heart of Mr. Fletcher, who was living out on the "pampas," several miles from the city, to come "in town" to seek missionary work. He was a member of the Anglican church, but was greatly impressed with the genuine missionary character of *this* work for the "poor," and he immediately devoted his head, heart and purse to it. He hired a house of six rooms, and when that became too small, he found one with seventeen rooms.

The boys in this school were taught various branches of industry, such as printing, telegraphing, shoemaking, and these required so much room that the girls' school was in the way, and it was decided to remove it. In August, 1883, a stirring appeal was received from Mrs. Thomson, wife of Rev. J. F. Thomson, resident Missionary there, for our Society to assume the support of this school, and she writes: "So fully am I convinced that the Lord intends us to make this appeal to you that I shall not allow myself to doubt for one moment but that He will also incline you to grant it."

The results of the first three years of the school were wonderful. Entire families were brought to Christ through its influence. Out of it grew a religious paper, taken and read in scores of families. Hundreds of people have been led to read the Bible. In a prayer-meeting—held weekly for the little girls—these children, in the most touching manner, pray for their own conversion and that of their parents.

After the division of the school, a very urgent request was sent to Miss Goodenough, who had gone to Cordova to teach in a small Anglican school—to come and take charge of the Girls' School—which she did.

At our last General Executive Committee Meeting our Society assumed the support of this work, to be known as the "Girls' Evangelical School"—making an appropriation of \$2,190.00. Rents are scarce and very high, but a large, old-fashioned structure was secured at about half price. Miss Goodenough, by sub-letting some of the rooms, has managed to keep within the amount asked for in the estimates forwarded. This work has had a remarkable history. Miss Goodenough says: "We have now laid the foundation for a 'center' to this work; this should be a kind of mother-school. Branches are needed in various parts of this large city, for it would not be possible to gather in here the half who would attend. Were we now to remove from this locality, it would be to abandon all these people who have been the support and defense of our mission during the hardships and perils of the past—and these children, who have been gathered in—either to return to the darkness from which they came, or to attend schools under Catholic influence."

The school opened in January with 40 pupils; 50 the second day, and March 2d the school register says 90. The girls have greatly improved since their removal to the new location, comparing favorably in appearance with any of the city schools. Reading, writing, grammar, arithmetic, Argentine history, geography, and English are taught, besides singing, sewing and the Bible. The older scholars study the latter with much eagerness. Nearly all these children go to the Sabbath school. The assistant employed understands the Spanish language, and succeeds very well with the children.

This work promises large returns in uplifting and Christianizing the children taught and cared for, and through them many of the parents are reached and saved. Miss Goodenough visits among the sick and destitute, and her labors are most highly appreciated in the mission.

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## MEXICO.

### MISSIONARIES.

MISS HASTINGS,  
MISS LATIMER,

MISS WARNER,  
MISS LE HURAY,

MISS SWANEY,  
MISS LOYD.

The Orphanage in the City of Mexico always attracts our first inquiries when this country is under consideration. Miss Le Huray, sent last March by the New York Branch, has been, until a few weeks since, the only American lady in this institution since Miss Hugoboom left, in April. She has made a most satisfactory impression on the school, and though previously unused to teaching, except in Sunday School, has won the hearts of the girls, and the school has greatly improved under her care. She has taught the first grade girls in both English and Spanish, and much of her time has been occupied in giving music lessons. She writes that the older girls would do credit to any Orphanage, and a bond of friendship has been established between them and herself that she trusts will increase. At present there are in the Home twenty-eight orphans, eight boarding pupils, and thirty-five day scholars, over seventy girls, to be taught and cared for. The primary department is under the care of Miss Wilson, a young lady native, who was educated in the United States, and who exerts a decidedly Christian influence in the school. Miss Loyd, of the Philadelphia Branch, left in September, with Rev. and Mrs. Butler, on their return to Mexico. She has entered upon her work in the Orphanage with love and a consecrated heart.

The Home is comfortably furnished, and the school-room compares favorably with one of its size in the States, and has a fine organ. The patio is well filled with pretty plants, and Miss Le Huray says everything has a cheerful, sunny and home-like air.

Miraflores is a small factory town of about 1,000 inhabitants. A greatly needed new school house is now in process of construction, which will afford accommodation for the increasing school. At present, in one large school-

room, where the girls are separated from the boys by a curtain, there are 175 pupils, the majority of them being from Roman Catholic families. The great want for this place, as well as for several others mentioned in this report, is a lady missionary, who will give her whole time to the school, and thus prevent the constant change of teachers, now necessary because of the employment of imperfectly trained native women.

There is a school of about fifteen scholars at Orizaba, said to be in a flourishing condition, taught by Mrs. Loza, the wife of the native pastor.

A year and a half ago the school opened at Queretaro with seven girls; since that time twenty have been enrolled, but many of these have been lost through removals and persecution. The children are nearly all from very poor Roman Catholic families, and it is distressing, many times, to see to what extremes of poverty they are reduced. They live in dark, dingy rooms, without any home comforts, and nothing in their childish lives to bring their little minds into activity, nor later in life to develop their intellect or stir their ambition. The little school-room, with its comfortable desks, and walls hung with bright colored maps, the large court-yard and garden where they play, is such a happy contrast to their own gloomy homes and small yards, that they are always sorry when vacation comes. They take great interest in their sewing, and are doing nicely. When Miss Swaney was obliged to leave Queretaro for Puebla, Mrs. Greenman took the charge of the school as far as she was able, giving four hours in the morning, and leaving it in the charge of the sewing teacher in the afternoon. Very recently one of the older girls from the Orphanage has been sent here to take charge of the school. This is the first one who has entered our work in this capacity, though some others have married native pastors, and are helping their husbands in disseminating religious truth. The work in Queretaro has always suffered from the religious fanaticism of the inhabitants, and this year persecution has been unusually severe and determined, and has increased through all this portion of Mexico. The faith of our missionaries, though tried, has not failed; they know that with persevering effort the day will come when Jesus, and not Mary, will be acknowledged Saviour. Miss Warner's health being very much broken, she returned home for a rest of a few months, and Miss Swaney took her place in Puebla. This school, built up by three years' of hard work by Miss Warner, takes a first-class position, attracting scholars from a better class of citizens than is usually found in our mission schools, and largely from Romish families. It has been remarkable for its good order and discipline, and has lost none of its prestige under Miss Swaney's care, ten new scholars having come in since she had charge, and at present there is an attendance of fifty girls. This work is greatly in need of the larger accommodations asked for in the estimates.

The Bible woman in Puebla, Mrs. Lozada, has visited forty-seven different families in the year, and besides giving what religious instruction will be received, exerts her influence to induce attendance on our religious services, for even those who have united with the church have very little idea of the



duties incumbent upon such a profession. The fear of persecution deters many, lest they should lose business and friends by appearing to believe in Protestantism.

In Pachuca Miss Hasting's school has done as good work as ever before. She has had the assistance of Miss Latimer, who, in January, joined our mission. The older girls have studied algebra, history, physiology, botany, English, and music; and some are translating tracts on temperance into Spanish. Considerable time is spent in teaching sewing, as that is a necessity among a class of people who know little about making clothes. The girls have made many garments the past year, which have helped make the poorer ones presentable for school and church. Several of the scholars attend the girls' class and prayer meetings. Every week, and sometimes oftener, a prayer meeting is held in the Mission Home, which, at times, has hardly been large enough to contain the people. Several of the women attending our church in Pachuca have died within the year, trusting in Jesus Christ as they have learned of Him through reading the Scriptures. We have also lost the most intelligent and enthusiastic of our Bible women, who, through a long period of extreme debility and pain, rested her soul upon Christ, and took great comfort in His words.

Mr. Kemble writes that the school in Leon opened promisingly last year, and for some months progressed rapidly; but the native pastor, who had been a careful, pains-taking teacher, was removed to another appointment at the annual meeting, and his successor, being in very infirm health, was not able to look after the school, and it very soon ran down; and as the lady teacher married, it was closed.

The schools at Real del Monte and at El Chico were started, but great difficulties were in the way; impossibility to secure suitable accommodations, the illness of the teacher, and other obstacles interfering, these schools were closed until a more favorable opening should be presented. There are encouraging signs of future success in Mexico, and if the seeds of truth are scattered faithfully, the harvest will surely come. God's word shall not return unto Him void, but shall accomplish that which He pleases, and shall prosper in the thing whereunto He sent it.

### FOREIGN SUMMARY.

	Missionaries.	Assistants.	Med. workers and B. women.	Boarding Schools.	Pupils in Boarding Schools.	Day Schools.	Pupils in Day Schools.	In Orphanages.	Zenanas visited.	Women under instruction.	Hospitals and Dispensaries.	Women treated.	Inmates Home for Friendless.
India .....	23	28	128	13	608	160	3,646	325	19,072	3,884	4	16,388	31
China .....	12	....	12	3	60	36	600	....	....	45	4	12,000	....
Japan .....	11	....	5	3	190	4	210	....	....	200	1	....	....
Bulgaria ...	1	....	....	1	15	1	20	....	....	....	....	....	....
Italy .....	....	....	13	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
S. America.	4	1	....	1	25	5	356	....	....	....	....	....	....
Mexico, ....	6	3	6	1	....	7	290	70	....	40	....	....	....
	57	32	164	22	898	213	5,122	395	19,072	4,169	9	28,388	31

## TREASURERS IN THE FOREIGN FIELD.

TREASURER.	ADDRESS.	ROUTE.	MAILS LEAVE.	POSTAGE.	NEWS-PAPER POSTAGE.
Louisa E. Blackmar.....	Lucknow, India.....	Via Brindisi.....	England, every Friday.....	5c $\frac{1}{2}$ oz.	2c ea. 4 oz.
Sarah DeLine.....	Bombay, ".....	".....	" ".....	5c "	2c "
Sigourney Trask, M. D.....	Foochow, China.....	" San Francisco.....	San Francisco, 1st & 15th ea. mo.	5c "	2c "
Annie B. Sears.....	Peking, ".....	" ".....	" ".....	5c "	2c "
Mary C. Robinson.....	Chin Kiang, ".....	" ".....	" ".....	5c "	2c "
Frances Wheeler.....	Chung King, China.....	" ".....	" ".....	5c "	2c "
Mrs. J. C. Jackson.....	Wuhu, China.....	" ".....	" ".....	5c "	2c "
Matilda A. Spencer.....	Tokio, Japan, 14 Akas-hi-cho	" ".....	" ".....	5c "	2c "
Minnie Hampton.....	Hakodati, Japan.....	" ".....	" ".....	5c "	2c "
Elizabeth Russell.....	Nagasaki, ".....	" ".....	" ".....	5c "	2c "
Carrie M. Van Patten...	Yokohama, ".....	" ".....	" ".....	5c "	2c "
Mrs. Rev. L. M. Vernon	126 Via Sistina, Rome, Italy	" England...	New York, daily.....	5c "	2c "
Linna Schenck.....	Lutcha, Bulgaria.....	".....	New York, weekly.....	5c "	2c "
Rev. T. B. Wood.....	Montevideo, So America...	".....	New York, 3d of each month	5c "	2c "
Jennie M. Chapin.....	Rosario, ".....	".....	Boston and New York, daily	5c "	2c "
Julia E. Goodenough....	Buenos Ayres, ".....	".....	" ".....	5c "	2c "
Mary D. Loyd.....	City of Mexico.....	".....	By steamship, N. Y., ev. Thurs.	5c "	2c "
Mary Hastings.....	Pachuca, ".....	".....	" ".....	5c "	2c "

*RECEIPTS OF SOCIETY SINCE ITS ORGANIZATION.*

From March, 1869, to April, 1870.....	\$4,546 86
" April 1, 1870, to April 1, 1871.....	22,397 99
" " 1871, to " 1872.....	44,477 46
" " 1872, to " 1873.....	54,834 87
" " 1873, to " 1874.....	64,399 25
" " 1874, to " 1875.....	61,492 19
" " 1875, to Feb. 10, 1876.....	55,276 06
" Feb. 10, 1876, to " 1877.....	72,464 30
" " 1877, to " 1878.....	68,063 52
" " 1878, to " 1879.....	66,843 69
" " 1879, to " 1880.....	76,276 43
" " 1880, to " 1881.....	107,932 45
" " 1881, to Oct. 1, 1882.....	195,678 50
" Oct. 1, 1882, to " 1883.....	126,823 33
" " 1883, to " 1884.....	143,199 14
Total receipts from March, 1869, to October 1, 1884.....	\$1,162,618 04

12,600 36

Total receipts for Zenana Paper for year ending October 1, 1884.....

## MISSIONARIES OF WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

APPOINT'Y	MISSIONARIES.	POSTOFFICE ADDRESS.	BRANCHES.	FORMER RESIDENCE.
1869	Miss Isabella Thoburn.....	Lucknow, India.....	Cincinnati.....	St. Clairsville, Ohio.
1869	" Clara A. Swain, M. D. ..	Bareilly, " .....	New England.....	Castile, N. Y.
1870	" Fannie J. Sparkes.....	" .....	New York.....	Binghampton, N. Y.
1872	" Gertrude Howe.....	Chung King, China.....	Northwestern.....	Lansing, Michigan.
1872	" Lucy H. Hoag.....	Chin-kiang, " .....	New York.....	Ann Arbor, Mich.
1874	" Lou E. Blackmar.....	Lucknow, India.....	Des Moines.....	West Springfield, Pa.
1874	" Susan M. Warner.....	Puebla, Mexico.....	Cincinnati.....	New Orleans, La.
1874	" Mary Hastings.....	Pachuca, " .....	New York.....	Blanford, Mass.
1874	" Jennie M. Chapin.....	Rosario, South America.....	New England.....	Chicopee, Mass.
1874	" Lou B. Denning.....	" .....	Northwestern.....	Normal, Illinois.
1874	" Sigourney Trask, M. D. ..	Foochow, China.....	New York.....	Spring Creek, Pa.
1878	" Mary F. Swaney.....	Puebla, Mexico.....	Baltimore.....	New Brighton, Pa.
1878	" S. A. Easton.....	Cawnpore, India.....	Cincinnati.....	Washington, D. C.
1878	" Matilda A. Spencer.....	Tokio, Japan.....	Philadelphia.....	Germanstown, Pa.
1878	" M. J. Holbrook.....	Home on leave.....	Cincinnati.....	Baltimore, Maryland.
1878	" M. E. Layton.....	Calcutta, India.....	Baltimore.....	Wilmington, Del.
1878	" Clara M. Cushman.....	Home on leave.....	New England.....	Fisherville, N. H.
1878	" Cecelia Gueli.....	Montevideo, South America.....	Northwestern.....	Montevideo, S. A.
1879	" Elizabeth Russell.....	Nagasaki, Japan.....	Cincinnati.....	Keyser, West Va.
1879	" Jennie M. Gheer.....	" .....	New York.....	Altoona, Pa.
1880	" Julia E. Goodenough.....	Buenos Ayres, South America.....	Northwestern.....	Flint, Michigan.
1880	" Luella Kelley.....	Bareilly, India.....	Baltimore.....	Baltimore, Maryland.
1880	" Florence E. Nickerson.....	Lucknow, " .....	Cincinnati.....	Clyde, Ohio.
1880	" Annie B. Sears.....	Peking, China.....	" .....	Bucyrus, Ohio.
1880	" Annie Budden.....	Home on leave.....	Des Moines.....	India.
1881	" Elizabeth Yates.....	Peking, China.....	New England.....	Maine.
1881	" Minnie Hampton.....	Hakodati, Japan.....	New York.....	New York.
1881	Mrs. Carrie Van Petten.....	Tokio, .....	Northwestern.....	Albion, Michigan.
1881	Miss Ellen Warner.....	Rangoon, Burmah.....	Cincinnati.....	Berea, Ohio.
1881	" Emma S. Knowles.....	Naini Tal, India.....	New England.....	Newark, New Jersey.

## MISSIONARIES OF WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY—Continued.

APPOINT'Y	MISSIONARIES.	POSTOFFICE ADDRESS.	BRANCHES.	FORMER RESIDENCE.
1881	Miss Harriet Kerr	Bijnour, India	Philadelphia	Ann Arbor, Mich.
1881	" Phoebe Rowe	Pihoragarh, India	Northwestern	India.
1881	" Frances J. Wheeler	Chung King, China	"	Chicago, Illinois.
1882	" Estella Akers, M. D.	Tientsin,	New England	Bath, Maine.
1882	" Anna P. Atkinson	Tokio, Japan	New York	Cazenovia, N. Y.
1882	" Emma J. Benton	Yokohama, Japan	New England	Niantic, Connecticut.
1882	" Esther J. De Vine	Moradabad, India	Cincinnati	Marietta, Ohio.
1883	Mrs Charlotte M. Jewell	Peking, China	New York	Fort Jones, Cal.
1883	Miss Rebecca J. Watson	Tokio, Japan	Topeka	
1883	" Laura Hyde, M. D.	Cawnpore, India	New York	Clifton Springs, N. Y.
1883	" Mary McKesson	Rangoon, Burmah	Des Moines	Berea, Ohio.
1883	" Emma J. Everding	Nagasaki, Japan	Baltimore	Syracuse, N. Y.
1883	" Florence N. Hamislar, M.D.	Hakodati,	Topeka	Oswego, Kansas.
1884	" Ella J. Hewett	"	Philadelphia	Gilead, Mich.
1884	" Emily L. Harvey	Cawnpore, India	New England	South Barton, Vt.
1884	" Mary Christianity, M. D.	Moradabad, "	"	Washington, D. C.
1884	" Fanny M. English	North India	New York	Seneca Falls, N. Y.
1884	" Clara A. Downey	"	"	Rome, N. Y.
1884	" Margaret C. Hedrick	Calcutta, India	"	South Charleston, O.
1884	" Sarah De Line	Bombay, "	Northwestern	Aurora, Illinois.
1884	" Mary Reed	North India	Cincinnati	Crooked Tree, Ohio.
1884	" Hettie Man-ell	Foochow, China	Northwestern	Delaware, Ohio.
1884	" Catharine Cary, M. D.	Chin-kiang "	"	Michigan, Ohio.
1884	" Mary C. Robinson	Foochow, "	Cincinnati	Hamar, Ohio.
1884	" Carrie I. Jewell	"	"	London, Ohio.
1884	" Lizzie M. Fisher	City of Mexico, Mexico	New York	Summit, New Jersey.
1884	" Eleanor Le Huray	"	Philadelphia	Hillsboro, Ohio.
1884	" Mary D. Loyd	Pachuca, Mexico	New England	Chicago, Illinois.
1884	" L. M. Latimer	Loftcha, Bulgaria	Northwestern	Muskegan, Mich.
1884	" Linna Schenck			



## MISSIONARIES OF WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY—Continued.

## UNDER APPOINTMENT TO COREA.

Mrs. M. F. Scranton.....	N. Eng. and N. Y.	Cleveland, O.
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## ACCEPTED, BUT NOT APPOINTED.

Miss Theresa J. Kyle.....	Philadelphia.....	Mt. Pleasant, Pa.
" Mary C. Elliott.....	New York.....	Martinsville, N. J.
" Nina J. Bartlett.....	Cincinnati.....	Strongsville, O.
" Mary J. Elliott.....	".....	Williamsfield, O.
" Julia Bonafield.....	".....	Tunnelton, W. Va.
" Rebecca Green.....	New York.....	Fredonia, N. Y.
" E. M. Hall.....		

## RESIGNED AFTER TWENTY-FIVE YEARS OF SERVICE.

1858.....	Miss Beulah Woolston.....	Trenton, N. J.
1858.....	" Sarah Woolston.....	"

## MISSIONARIES WHO HAVE RETURNED ON ACCOUNT OF ILL HEALTH, AND WHOSE RETURN IS UNCERTAIN.

APPOINTED	MISSIONARIES.	WHERE EMPLOYED.	BRANCHES.	PRESENT ADDRESS.
1878....	Miss M. E. Priest.....	Halodati, Japan.....	New York.....	Auburn, N. Y.
1878....	" Eugenia Gibson.....	Lucknow, India.....	".....	Albany, N. Y.
1878....	" Clara L. Mulliner.....	Mexico City.....	".....	Camden, N. J.
1879....	" Kate C. Bushnell.....	Kiu Kiang, China.....	Northwestern.....	Denver, Col.
1879....	" Delia Howe.....	".....	Philadelphia.....	Lansing, Mich.
1879....	Mrs. E. J. M. Clemens.....	Rosario, South America.....	Northwestern.....	Metropolis, Ill.

## MISSIONARIES OF WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY—Continued.

FORMERLY EMPLOYED.			ENTERED INTO REST.	
APPOINT'T	MISSIONARIES.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.		
1871.....	Miss Carrie McMillan.....	Mrs. Rev. P. M. Buck, Almnah, India....		Parent Society.
1871.....	Maria Brown.....	" Rev. G. R. Davis, Peking China.....		" "
1871.....	Jennie Tinsley.....	Health failed. Returned to U. S. May, 1874		Parent Society.
1873.....	S. F. Linsley (Mrs. Shepherd).....	Mrs. H. Mansell, Bareilly, India.....		Parent Society.
1873.....	Nannie Monelle, M. D.....	" Rev. A. Strittmatter, Ironton, Ohio.....		Parent Society.
1873.....	Lucinda L. Coombs, M. D.....	Health failed. Returned to U. S. Aug., 1876		Parent Society.
1874.....	Letitia Mason, M. D. (Mrs. Quinn).....	Mrs. Rev. G. H. McGrew, Kingard, W. Va.		Parent Society.
1874.....	Anna Julia Lore.....	" Dora S. Soper, Chicago, Illinois.....		" "
1874.....	D. E. Shoonmaker.....	" Frank Davis.....		Taylor's Work.
1876.....	Mary C. Cary.....	Health failed. Returned 1877.....		Parent Society.
1876.....	Olive Whiting.....	Santiago, South America.....		" "
1876.....	L. M. Pultz.....	Mrs. Rev. Gamewell, Chung King, W. China		Parent Society.
1876.....	Nettie C. Ogden.....	Married in 1883.....		Parent Society.
1871.....	M. L. Porter.....	Married in 1883.....		Parent Society.
1878.....	Margaret Elliott.....	Mrs. Lawson, Seetapore, India.....		Parent Society.
1880.....	Kate Woodworth.....	Recalled.....		Parent Society.
1881.....	E. I. Hoy.....	Married in 1884.....		Parent Society.
1879.....	Mary Sharp.....	Married in 1884.....		Parent Society.
1877.....	Laura Howard, M. D.....	Married in 1884.....		Parent Society.
1878.....	Julia A. Sparr, M. D.....	Married in 1884.....		Parent Society.
1883.....	M. Hugoboom.....			Parent Society.
ENTERED INTO REST.				
1875.....	Miss Letitia A. Campbell.....			Died May 18, 1878.
1878.....	Susan B. Higgins.....			" July 3, 1879.
1876.....	Lucilla H. Green, M. D.....			" September 30, '78.
1881.....	Emma Michener.....			" December 11, '81.
1884.....	Ella Gilchrist, M. D.....			" April 23, 1884.

## REPORT OF HOME WORK.

### NEW ENGLAND BRANCH.

Includes East Maine, Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, New England, New England Southern, with portions of Troy, New York and New York East Conferences, with headquarters at Boston.

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The year just closed has not been characterized by any very marked changes in methods of work, in numbers added, or visible results achieved on any one line, but progress has been made. Not a few have become convinced of privilege—some of duty—in regard to personal relation to this work and consequent responsibility, and with anxious heart have sent heavenward the cry: "Lord, what wilt thou have me to do!" and earthward, into the ears of "those women" who are doing this important work, which must otherwise be left undone, "How can I help?" Increased spirituality and zeal has been evinced in a growing desire for missionary intelligence among the members of our Auxiliaries, and a stronger conviction of duty.

The action of the General Conference, touching the relations and privileges of our Society, has been exerting a helpful, inspiring effect—quiet but all-pervading.

More and more have we come to be recognized as a component part of church agencies.

Many of the pastors, hitherto only nominally recognizing our "right to be," are inviting us to "come and organize" in the church over which they

extend pastoral supervision, convinced that this will assist in developing and strengthening Christian life and growth in the church.

Conference and Camp-meeting Anniversaries, as well as District Conventions, have been centers of strength and inspiration, infusing new life and vitality to the whole Branch.

Some of these occasions have been signally favored with the manifestations of Divine power.

The Young Ladies' Societies and Mission Bands have been growing in popularity and influence. Several have been formed during the year, but as some are considered a part of the Auxiliary, we are not able to give the entire number.

Mr. and Mrs. Parker have been "in labors more abundant," as they have gone "in and out" through all our borders, helping to arouse and intensify missionary zeal and fervor. It can be said most truthfully of these faithful workers, they consulted not their own ease, but the interests of His cause, world-wide, was the one all-absorbing claim everywhere and at all times.

Then Mrs. Butler, as she takes her place among the home-workers again, seems to "have renewed her youth," and, with an increase of holy energy, is putting her hand to the work as never before.

Miss Cushman, too, has been hurrying from place to place, declaring if she could be in two places at once, she could not meet the demands.

We have sent two missionaries to India. Miss Harvey, from Vermont who sailed April 5th, arriving in Cawnpore in the intense heat of the 22d of May! But the time must have been in "Divine plan," as well as the "call" to her. Miss Easton was on the "ragged edge" of utter prostration—numbers of the pupils of the school were sick. But our practical New England girl proved herself equal to the emergency; in the school, the family, the sick-room, everywhere, has she made "full proof of her calling."

Dr. Christiancy, too, whose destination as a medical missionary was uncertain for several months, is on the way to India, her chosen field of toil, and we trust will be abundantly useful.

Miss Latimer, of Pachuca, Mexico, has been assumed, and is doing excellent service—associated with Miss Hastings in both school and Evangelistic work. Our financial obligations have all been met, but we fall short of raising the amount pledged at the commencement of the year.

We shall fill our \$2,423.58 quota for the Zenana paper fund, but may claim an extension of time in paying over the entire sum required.

At our Branch Annual Meeting an effort was made to ascertain if the raising of funds for this paper had lessened contributions for the "Branch treasury." The unanimous verdict, as far as expressed, was "Not at all."

Missionary letters have been placed in the hands of a committee, who have hektographed very many of them, and scattered them among the Auxiliaries. We hope to make this agency a growing power in our home work.

The Mite Box Committee has done good work toward putting these silent little collectors into ever Methodist family; 2,420 having gone out during the year. We are happy to announce quite a "revival" in this line.

Twelve hundred Branch annual reports, and 475 of the general reports, have been scattered; 135,590 pages of leaflets, including the Zenana paper circulars, have been received, and most of them distributed.

The Heathen Woman's Friend has a circulation of 3,144, or thirty-three per cent. of our membership.

## SUMMARY OF HOME WORK.

Auxiliaries.....	36 new ones	398
Members .....		10,568
Life Members .....	58 new ones	861
Honorary Managers.....	1 " one	33
Life Patrons .....		10
Conference Secretaries.....	9 new ones	9
District Secretaries.....		31
Subscribers to H. W. F .....		3,144
Pages of Leaflets.....		135 590
Annual Reports of W. F. M. S.....		475
Annual Reports of New England Branch.....		1,200
Mite Boxes.....		2,420

## SUMMARY OF FOREIGN WORK.

Missionaries.....	10
Assistants.....	5
Medical Assistants .....	3
Matrons .....	3
Bible Women.....	32
Pupils in Boarding Schools and Scholarships.....	108
Orphans.....	34
Toward Rent and New Buildings.....	4,578

## TREASURER'S REPORT.

October 1, 1883—Balance in treasury.....	\$ 3,477 33
Received from October 1, 1883, to October 1, 1884 .....	17,261 86
Total .....	\$20,739 19
Disbursements .....	\$19,400 74
Balance on hand .....	1,338 45
	\$20,739 19

## AMOUNTS BY CONFERENCES.

East Maine Conference.....	\$ 188 11
Maine Conference.....	1,053 60
New Hampshire Conference.....	1,708 36
Vermont Conference.....	1,760 44
Troy Conference .....	422 36
New England Conference .....	6,407 66
New England Southern Conference.....	2,534 83
New York East Conference.....	1,998 31
New York Conference.....	
Total .....	\$16,063 67
Zenana Paper Fund.....	\$ 2,400 00

The Executive Committee of New England Branch meets at 36 Bromfield street, Boston, at 11 A. M., the 2d Wednesday each month.

## NEW YORK BRANCH.

Includes New York and New Jersey, with headquarters at New York City.

## OFFICERS.

<i>President</i> .....	MRS. JOS. A. WRIGHT..	452 Lexington ave., New York.
<i>Cor. Secretary</i> .....	" W. B. SKIDMORE...	230 West 59th st., "
<i>Rec. Secretary</i> .....	" J. H. KNOWLES.....	Madison, N. J.
<i>Treasurer</i> .....	" J. M. CORNELL.....	141 Centre street, New York.

## CONFERENCE SECRETARIES.

<i>N. Y. Conference</i> ...	MRS. KENNARD CHANDLER.....	Ocean Grove, N. J.
<i>New York East</i> ....	" A. LOWREY.....	306 Lexington ave, N. Y. City.
<i>Troy</i> .....	" JOS. HILLMAN ....	Mansion House, Troy, N. Y.
<i>Central N. Y.</i> .....	" S. B. ROBINSON.....	Clyde, "
<i>Northern N. Y.</i> ....	" GEORGE GOODIER, 83 E. Eighth st.,	Oswego, "
<i>Genessee</i> .....	" { F. G. HIBBARD.....	Clifton Springs, "
	" { J. T. GRACEY.....	Rochester, "
<i>Erie Conference</i> ...	MISS CARRIE FERRIN.....	Ellington, "
<i>Wyoming Confer</i> ...	MRS. D. C. OLMSTEAD.....	Oneonta, "
<i>Newark</i> " ...	" J. H. KNOWLES.....	Madison, N. J.
<i>New Jersey</i> , " ...	" R. T. LORE.....	Summit, "

The wise man says: "Hope deferred maketh the heart sick." We confess to a little of this experience, when we have to acknowledge that a large majority of the Methodist women in this Branch are not actively interested in the work of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, and many of the churches are still unorganized. There has, however, been much faithful, laborious work done during the year. The work of the Branch is generally well organized. We have no large donations or bequests to report, but we believe there is a steady growth in the missionary sentiment of the church, especially in the department of woman's work. The two-cents-a-week plan and the mite boxes, so largely distributed, secure the regular contributions, and upon these we depend for quarterly payments to the foreign field. At our annual meeting last year, the amount for which the Branch was pledged was increased from \$25,000 to \$31,000. We regret to report that the extra amount has not all been raised. As we started the year with a balance, and with some unusual amounts in the foreign treasuries, we have been able to meet all our appropriations, as well as some extra demands made upon the treasury, so that we are not in debt. In looking over the past year in home work, we see much to regret in opportunities lost. It is, however, not all darkness. In some respects, this has been the brightest year we have ever known. The increase in district associations, the multiplication of bands, gleaners, harvesters, willing workers, helpers, young women's societies, the enthusiasm in the camp-meeting anniversaries, especially the large meeting held at Ocean Grove, with its myriad avenues of influence, touching hearts that are closed to every other source,



these, with many others, are causes for great rejoicing. We are glad to report that the *Heathen Woman's Friend* has increased its circulation, and we wish that every woman in the church could know how much pleasure she would gain by the investment of fifty cents in that missionary paper. The leaflets are of untold advantage, and surely few people have read Mrs. Pickett's Mite Box without the heart's quick response, "What shall I render unto God for all His benefits."

Some of our auxiliaries have fallen asleep, but others, newly organized, have taken their places, so that we report quite an increase this year. The machinery is all in good working order, but more than ever are we convinced that our strength has been and is in God, and all permanent growth or success in the work lies in the oneness of the worker with the Lord Jesus—the being baptized into the same spirit of love and sacrifice that characterized the Blessed Master, who went about doing good, and whose enemies acknowledged he saved others—not himself. This spirit of self sacrifice has been manifested in the large number of candidates offering for the foreign field. Since the 21st of last October about twenty ladies have gone to foreign lands; of these seven have been sent by the New York Branch. Four of these went to India; two to China; one to Mexico. We trust the prayers of large numbers of women are offered daily, that this large reinforcement of workers may gather many sheaves for the Master—that the joy of the Lord may be their strength.

We are looking and longing for the day when the women of the Christian Church shall be so filled with the spirit of missions that all the churches will be missionary founts, and to be a member of the church will be a pledge to disciple the world for Jesus.

The New York Branch supports work in India, China, Japan, Mexico, South America, Italy, and Bulgaria.

#### SUMMARY OF HOME WORK.

Auxillaries, including 43 "Young Ladies' Bands".....	99 increase	661
Members .....	2,583 "	22,029
Life Members .....	73 "	981
Honorary Managers .....	3 "	58
Honorary Patrons .....		11
Mite Boxes distributed.....		1,500
Subscribers to H. W. F.....	658 increase	3,651

#### SUMMARY OF FOREIGN WORK.

Missionaries, 3 of them medical.....	12
Assistants .....	4
Bible Women .....	31
Orphans .....	99
Scholarships.....	34
Day Schools.....	40
Teachers.....	40

## TREASURER'S REPORT.

Balance on hand October 1, 1883.....	\$ 9,016 28
Received during year.....	25,292 83
Total.....	\$34,309 16
Expenditures.....	\$26,745 39
Balance on hand.....	7,563 77
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	\$34,309 16
Zenana Paper Fund.....	1,408 09

Branch Executive Committee meeting, at 805 Broadway, the 3d Thursday of the month, at 11 A. M.

## PHILADELPHIA BRANCH.

Includes Pennsylvania and Delaware, with headquarters at Philadelphia

## OFFICERS.

*President*.....MRS. M. S. WHEELER, 3507 Hamilton st., W. Philadelphia.  
*Cor. Secretary*... “ J. F. KEEN.....1209 Arch street, Philadelphia.  
*Rec. Secretary*...MISS E. A. TOWNSEND, 1711 SPRUCE street, Philadelphia.  
*Treasurer*.....MRS. M. D. CHAHON..134 S. Fourth street, Philadelphia.

## CONFERENCE SECRETARIES.

*Philadelphia* ....MRS. JAS. LONG.....1529 Girard avenue, Philadelphia.  
*Central Penn'a*... “ R. HINKLE.....Huntingdon, Pennsylvania.  
*Pittsburgh*..... “ W. VAN KIRK..Forbes st., Oakland, Pittsburgh, Pa.  
*Erie (fractional)*. MISS C. C. FERRIN .....Ellington, New York.  
*Wilmington (frac.)*. MRS. E. B. STEVENS..1221 Market st., Wilmington, Del.  
*Wyoming (frac.)*. “ D. C. OLNSTEAD .....Oneonta, New York.  
*Central N. Y. (fr.)* “ C. R. STATHAM.....Reading Centre, New York.  
*Genessee (frac.)*... “ D. W. C. HUNTINGDON...Bradford, Pennsylvania.

In reviewing the work of the Philadelphia Branch for the past year, the words of Scripture come into remembrance, when Nehemiah said: “So we built the wall—for the people had a mind to work.” This mind to work has been increasing among the women in this Branch, and, by their prayers and work and gifts, they are gathering living stones for the Holy Temple that is being builded for an habitation of God through the Spirit. At annual and District meetings there is earnest inquiry for the best methods of bringing this cause to the ear and conscience of every woman in the Church, and papers that treat of practical plans are eagerly sought after and listened to. Reports from all the Conferences show activity and increasing interest. Though we are not yet able to name a secretary for every District, those who do hold this office, in both Conferences and Districts, have worked with zeal, intelligence and perseverance. Every Conference and camp-meeting anniversary held this year has been attended by large and enthusiastic audiences, and followed by a greater accession of members, and a quickening in all neighboring Auxil-

iaries. We find that the action of the last General Conference, in so fully endorsing the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, has placed the work on a firmer foundation in the minds of both ministry and laity.

The all-day meeting held in Philadelphia during the session of the recent General Conference, made so memorable because of the presence of those Missionaries who had first shown to Methodist women how they could give the Gospel to their heathen sisters, gave a fresh impetus to the cause. The presence and labors of Miss Spencer, who visited many of the Societies, and gave such graphic descriptions of the manifestation of the Holy Spirit in the Tokio school and elsewhere, was another one of the stimulants that has enabled us to report a larger sum of money paid into the treasury, more Auxiliaries organized, and a greater number of life-members made than in any previous year of our history. Fifty-five new Auxiliaries have been formed during the year, but there has been a careful culling out of all names of Societies on the books that are not in active service, so that our net increase is not equal to the new work done. The desire to form Young Ladies' Bands is so universal and eager that we cannot but look upon it as a providential indication of the successful future before the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society. Fifteen new bands have taken their place among us this year, and they are all generally conducted with as much energy and system as those officered by mature women. The Branch has sent two new Missionaries into the field this year, and returned Miss Spencer to Tokio. Miss Ella J. Hewett accompanied the Missionary party that sailed from San Francisco October 7th, and goes to assist Miss Hampton in the school at Hakodati, Japan. Miss Mary D. Loyd went in September, with Rev. and Mrs. Butler, on their return to Mexico, where already she has entered upon the care of the Orphanage, as the companion of Miss Le Huray. It is with very sincere regret that the Branch has been unable to meet one item in its appropriations, but we failed to find a lady in every way suitable for India who was ready to go this year.

Throughout the Branch a greater interest than could have been looked for has been taken in the establishment of the Zenana Paper for the women of India. One lady gave \$1,000, and almost every Society has sent its contribution. We report \$2,655.93 given to this fund.

The amount has been raised by various ingenious devices, and the Lord has blessed the giving. The Branch has received two bequests this year—\$2,000 from Mrs. Mary Bayard, of Pittsburg Conference, and \$100 from the estate of Mrs. Rev. Griffith, of Philadelphia Conference; also a centennial offering of \$500 from Mr. Wright, of Clearfield County, Pa.

At the last General Executive meeting, Philadelphia Branch was granted permission to provide for the education of King Eng, a Christian native Chinese girl, who had been recommended by Miss Trask to receive a course of medical instruction in America. It was necessary that Miss Hu should take a liberal English course before commencing her medical studies. This gives the prospect of her being under our care in this country for eight or ten years.

The amount requisite for this has been subscribed outside all missionary contributions that otherwise would have come into our treasury. Miss Hu is now at the Ohio Wesleyan University in Delaware, Ohio, and is making very rapid progress in her English studies, and her piety and refinement endear her to all her associates. At the close of this year we offer praise to Him who has shown us His favor, and would say,

“Lord, if I may,  
I'll work another day.”

#### SUMMARY OF HOME WORK.

Auxiliaries .....	32 increase	332
Members .....	1,759 “	11,359
Life Members .....	55 “	302
Honorary Managers .....		20
Honorary Patrons .....	1 increase	3
Subscribers to H. W. F. ....	262 “	1,997
Mite-Boxes Distributed .....		1,236
Christmas Boxes Sent (India, 2; Japan, 1; Mexico, 1.) .....		4

#### SUMMARY OF FOREIGN WORK.

Missionaries. ....	4
Teachers .....	8
Bible Women .....	6
Matron. ....	1
Day Schools .....	21
Scholarships .....	32
Orphan s .....	27

#### TREASURER'S REPORT.

Balance on hand October 1, 1883. ....	\$ 5,678 20
Receipts to September 25, 1884 .....	16,875 53
Total. ....	\$22,553 73
Disbursements. ....	\$13,085 68
Cash balance on hand September 25, 1884. ....	\$ 8,568 05

#### AMOUNTS BY CONFERENCES.

Central Pennsylvania. ....	\$ 3,607 84
Erie. ....	1,381 00
Genessee .....	66 41
Central New York .....	95 00
Philadelphia .....	5,274 21
Pittsburg .....	4,148 08
Wilmington .....	1,914 72
Wyoming .....	575 57
Miscellaneous Sources .....	683 36
Zenana Paper Fund. ....	2,653 18

Meeting of Branch Executive Committee at 1018 Arch street, at 10:30 A. M., the first Wednesday of the Month.

*BALTIMORE BRANCH.*

Includes Maryland, District of Columbia, and Eastern Virginia, with headquarters at Baltimore.

## OFFICERS.

<i>President</i> . . . . .	MRS. F. A. CROOK . . . . .	cor. Madison ave. and Townsend St.
<i>Cor. Secretary</i> . . . . .	MISS I. HART . . . . .	176 N. Calvert street
<i>Rec. Secretary</i> . . . . .	MRS. DR. C. MORGAN . . . . .	Calverton, Baltimore Co.
<i>Treasurer</i> . . . . .	" M. G. HAMILTON . . . . .	234 W. Fayette street.

## CONFERENCE AND DISTRICT SECRETARIES.

<i>Wilmington (frac.)</i> . . . . .	MRS. E. B. STEVENS, 1221 Market St., Wilmington, Del.
<i>Virginia Conference</i> . . . . .	
<i>Washington</i> " . . . . .	
<i>Baltimore</i> " . . . . .	
<i>Baltimore District</i> . . . . .	MRS. H. C. TUDOR . . . . . Waverly, Baltimore Co.
<i>E. Baltimore</i> " . . . . .	S. M. HARTSOCK . . . . . 99 Mulberry street.
<i>W.</i> " " . . . . .	E. H. FOWLER . . . . . 34 Warren ave., Baltimore.
<i>Washington</i> " . . . . .	S. D. LA FETRA . . . . . Washington, D. C.
<i>Cumberland</i> " . . . . .	C. W. BALDWIN . . . . . Cumberland, Md.

The Word of the Master with regard to all Christian experience and attainment and work is "*Go forward.*" And yet spiritual processes are so delicate and hidden, and in spiritual work there are so many factors that elude observation and calculation, that progress may be real without being obvious, and growth general without being marked.

We have reason to believe that gauged by those peculiar tests that only unerring wisdom can apply, and weighed by that fine standard that only the Divine Hand can employ, there has been substantial progress in the work and among the workers of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society during the year that the latter have come into closer fellowship with the great heart of the Master, in the great work of world-saving; and that the latter therefore has been done more devoutly and earnestly and gladly.

Then, even in the more perceptible evidences of growth, there is some reason for gratitude and congratulation. We report 106 auxiliaries; 4,000 members; 816 subscribers to *Friend*. And the offerings from these auxiliaries, from these members, what they represent of love and thought and sacrifice only He knows who watched the gifts as they were cast into the treasury and weighed them in the balances of the sanctuary. They have fallen from the trembling hand of age and the tiny hands of children; they represent both service and sacrifice; they have been consecrated with prayers, and baptized with tears. But there are springs that have never been touched, hearts that have never been moved, coffers that have never been opened, and we are all praying that through the influence of this meeting these may be reached.

Early in the year, Miss B. Woolston left the Foochow field, and not until towards the close of this could we find one ready to occupy her place, and for her we must acknowledge our obligation to a sister Branch,

On October 7th, Miss Fisher sailed, full of faith and hope and joy for Foochow, but with the war-cloud lowering heavily over that city.

We are glad to note that though there has been a gain in our treasury of \$1,515.20, still the Zenana Paper fund has met with hearty sympathy, and our offerings have been most joyfully made. For all these things we would thank God and take courage.

#### SUMMARY OF HOME WORK.

Auxiliaries.....	8 increase	100
Members .....		4 000
Life Members.....		125
Life Managers .....		21
Subscribers to Friend .....		816

#### SUMMARY OF FOREIGN WORK.

Missionaries .....		4
Assistants .....		2
Bible Women .....		10
Medical Students .....		3
Scholarships and Orphans .....		50

#### TREASURER'S REPORT.

In the Treasury October 10, 1883.....	\$ 5,974 34
Received during year.....	7,674 98
Total.....	\$13,649 32
Disbursements .....	\$9,407 24
Balance on hand.....	4,242 08
	<hr/> \$13,649 32
Zenana Paper Fund.....	200 55

Branch Executive Meeting, First Thursday in the Month, in the Lecture Room of First M. E. Church.

#### CINCINNATI BRANCH.

Includes Ohio, West Virginia, Kentucky and Tennessee, with headquarters at Cincinnati.

#### OFFICERS.

<i>President</i> .....	MRS. BISHOP CLARK.....	310 Elm St., Cincinnati, Ohio.
<i>Cor. Secretary</i> .....	" B. R. COWEN .....	Delaware, Ohio.
<i>Rec. Secretary</i> .....	" W. C. HAMILTON.....	Covington, Kentucky.
<i>Treasurer</i> .....	" WM. B. DAVIS.....	310 Elm St., Cincinnati, Ohio.

#### CONFERENCE SECRETARIES.

<i>Cincinnati Conf.</i> .....	MRS. J. F. LOYD.....	Hillsboro, Ohio.
<i>Ohio</i> " .....	" J. H. CREIGHTON.....	Lithopolis, "
<i>Central Ohio Conf.</i> ..	" A. S. CLASON.....	Delaware, "
<i>North Ohio</i> " ..	" H. BENTON...315 Franklin St.,	Cleveland, "
<i>East Ohio</i> " ..	" E. HINGELEY.....	New Philadelphia, "
<i>West Virginia</i> " ..	" T. W. CHIDESTER, Knottsville,	Taylor Co., W. Va.
<i>Kentucky</i> " ..	" G. E. SAVAGE.....	Covington, Ky.

Possibly there has been no time in the fourteen years of our history as a Branch, that a year has compressed as much labor, and patience, and trial of



faith, as the one just closed. Floods and drouth, strikes and hard times, have crippled the energies of thousands. Many, who have heretofore given largely, have only been able to give their mites. Perils have threatened, and peculiar trials have been found in our way, but out of all the Lord hath brought us by His Almighty arm. The burdens have been lightened, the crooked places made straight, in every hour of trial we have found a way of escape, and so anew we would take the cup of salvation, and call on the name of the Lord. All our obligations have been met, and our aggregate shows a healthy increase over last year. Our Society seems more firmly established, not only in relation to the church at large, but in the hearts of the women, who have found in it a fruitful field of labor, owned and blessed of God. Growth in every department of home work is thankfully recorded. Uniform readings, district conventions, missionary prayer-meetings, are becoming large factors in disseminating intelligence, planning for work, and gaining "the blessing that maketh rich."

The Missionary spirit among the young people continues to increase, not only helping on our Society, but proving a training school in Christian endeavor in many directions. In the various colleges and seminaries in our Branch there is growing up a strong force of workers that promises much in the near future. Nearly one-fifth of our whole receipts are contributed by Young Ladies Societies and Children's Bands. Two thousand annuals and 500 executive reports have been circulated, while 125,000 pages of leaflets have carried many a message as they have been freely distributed through the Branch. Lest we might be tempted to "vaunt ourselves unseemly," we must acknowledge with shame and humility that our subscription list to the *Heathen Woman's Friend* has fallen below that of last year. Various plans have been suggested to remedy this, and another year will doubtless tell a better story. Over \$2,000 has been contributed towards the Zenana paper; not the full proportion for our membership, but the full amount will be made up. At each of the Annual Conferences the cause of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society has been represented, and most kindly received, while the camp meeting occasions have been marked for great spiritual power, and their influence cannot but be felt in future results. During the year six young ladies from our territory have gone to foreign fields; three sent by sister Branches and three as our own special representatives. We thank God for them, and for the others who are asking for a place to serve. The record of the year would not be complete without mentioning the annual meeting, which was held at Chillicothe, O. It was largely attended, all parts of our territory were represented by those who had borne "the heat and labor of the day," and as they talked of the way the Lord had led them their hearts burned within them, as those of the disciples in days of old. The two days were crowded full of prayer and praise, plans for better work, and the discussion of themes connected with missionary labor. It was a "feast of fat things" that will never be forgotten by any one present. The presence of the Spirit was felt in power; and with thanksgiving for past and present blessings, and solemn, yet joyful reconsecrations, these faithful

servants of God went out to another year of labor in this blessed vineyard. In His name we would "set up our banners," without whose help all labor is ineffectual, and without whose grace all wisdom is folly.

## SUMMARY OF HOME WORK.

Auxiliaries .....	29	increase	590
Young Ladies' Societies.....	5	"	55
Bands .....	4	"	72
Life Patrons.....			4
Life Managers.....	12	increase	68
Life Members.....	100	"	925
Annual Membership.....	450	"	12,450
Annual Membership Young Ladies' Societies and Bands .....			3,850
Subscribers to H. W. F .....			2,622

## SUMMARY OF FOREIGN WORK.

Missionaries.....	10
East India Zenana Teachers.....	2
Bible Women in India .....	22
Bible Women in China.....	10
Bible Women in Italy.....	2
Day Schools in India.....	36
Day Schools in China.....	6
Day Schools in Mexico .....	1
Scholarships in India.....	36
Scholarships in China.....	9
Scholarships in Japan.....	23
Orphans in India .....	32
Orphans in Mexico.....	5
One boarding school and half support of two others.....	
Sent abroad for new buildings.....	\$4,700
Sent abroad for rent, etc.....	1,500
Paid for outfit and passage of 3 missionaries.....	2,080

## TREASURER'S REPORT.

Balance from last year .....	\$ 5,863 59
Receipts for present year.....	21,138 74
Total.....	\$27,002 33
Expenditures.....	\$23,370 04
Balance.....	3,632 29
	\$27,002 33
Zenana paper.....	2,039 11

## BEQUESTS.

Mr. Eli Johnson, of Leesburg, O.....	\$500 00
Miss Julia King, La Rue, O.....	100 00

## NORTHWESTERN BRANCH.

Includes Illinois, Indiana, Michigan and Wisconsin, with headquarters at Chicago.

## OFFICERS.

President .....	MRS. ISAAC R. HITT.....	Evanston, Illinois.
Corresponding Sec. ....	THOS. A. HILL.....	Chicago, "
Recording Sec.....	A. W. PATTEN.....	" "
Treasurer.....	F. P. CRANDON.....	Evanston, "

## CONFERENCE SECRETARIES.

<i>Rock River</i> .....	MRS. C. E. MANDEVILLE.....	Oak Park, Illinois.
<i>Central Illinois</i> ....	" J. B. DILLE.....	Pre-emption, "
<i>Illinois</i> .....	" J. A. DOUGHERTY.....	Jacksonville, "
<i>Southern Illinois</i> ...	" M. E. SLADE .....	Vandalia. "
<i>Indiana</i> .....	MISS SARAH F. KEELEY, 156 E. Michigan st.,	Indianapolis.
<i>North Indiana</i> ....	MRS. B. SMITH.....	Muncie, Indiana.
<i>Northwest Indiana</i> .	" A. C. MCKINSEY.....	Monticello, "
<i>Southeast Indiana</i> .	" KATE L. HAYNES.....	Connersville, "
<i>Detroit</i> .....	" F. D. YORK.....	Denton, Michigan.
<i>Michigan</i> .....	" E. A. HOAG.....	Martin, "
<i>Wisconsin</i> .....	" L. C. COLEMAN.....	Whitewater, Wisconsin.
<i>West Wisconsin</i> ....	" M. M. EATON.....	Madison, "

In selecting and collating facts and figures from the treasury of garnered letters and reports of the past year, we can but exclaim, "The Lord hath been with us. He hath not withholden the request of our lips, and we will give thanks unto His name." Not only do we record advancement as a Society in the greater number of Auxiliaries, and an increased attendance thereon, but also in the amount of money paid into our treasury, in aggressive operations in our foreign work, and in an element of stability in our home work.

The work of our standing committees has been faithfully performed. The report of the Mite Box Committee shows that during the year 6,544 have been sent out to gather up the fragments, and to stand as silent pleaders for far-away benighted ones. The Committee on Missionary Literature sent out 1,649 pages of leaflets, and copied and distributed 332 letters, besides many extracts from newspapers. The Photograph Committee report sales during the year to the amount of \$131.57. The Publication Committee have sent out 30,704 leaflets, 2,000 annual reports, 2,500 constitution and by-laws, 550 Auxiliary Treasurer's reports, 2,200 pamphlets, 2,400 circulars. The Branch Corresponding Secretary has issued about 4,000 circulars. Several of the Conference Secretaries have appealed to their constituencies through a like medium, and even auxiliaries have made their desires known by printed, as well as oral, appeals.

A warm interest in the Zenana paper has been felt in some parts of our territory, yet, coming as the call did, in a year when votive offerings were called for in so many other directions, it has not the strong financial showing that otherwise it might have had. From the reports of the Conference Secretaries, we learn that during the year in most of the auxiliaries monthly meetings have been held, one Conference Secretary bringing a record of near 700 meetings. In very many places, upon the invitation of the pastor, the women of the Missionary Society have taken full direction of the regular monthly prayer-meetings of the church and their map exercises, their essays and topic readings, the letters from missionaries, their direct intense prayers, have given a far greater intelligence upon missionary subjects, and a deeper zeal than could have been otherwise possible.

For the first time in our history we have had distinctive work among our German population. Miss E. Dreyer, of Kansas, visited one of our Conferences, and awakened considerable enthusiasm, and we hope to chronicle in the coming year great results from her more frequent labors in our Branch, arrangements therefor having been entered into.

One distinguishing feature of the year has been the unexampled thank offerings—not the tithes merely have been offered, but the *gifts*; not alone the required altar sacrifice, but the sweetly burning incense. The deft fingers of the little children have gladly fashioned many gifts for the children who knew no home save the one provided by our Society. Young ladies have curtailed in some of the adornments of their own persons, that they might clothe the needy; and the large, warm hearts of the mothers have prompted the sending of tokens of love and remembrance to our far-away missionaries.

But the crowning glory of these free-will gifts was our thank offering day, the 17th of March. It was the anniversary of our organization as a Branch. Seven years, twice told, had it existed, and the members of its nearly 1,000 Auxiliaries were requested to meet on that day to recount the mercies of the Lord, in blessing the home, as well as the foreign workers; to review the way up which we had been led; to consider the wants of our newly-established mission in West China, and to offer not only gifts of prayer and praise, but material gifts also, for the establishment of the work in Chung King. The results of that day we may never see with earthly vision, or comprehend with our narrow finite minds, but He who claims the world as His own has it in remembrance. The gifts in money aggregate for that day the sum of over \$3,000, while the acquisition of missionary information, the increased zeal, and a deeper spirituality have been felt throughout the entire Branch, feeble Auxiliaries being helped to a better growth, sleeping ones aroused, and active ones made to sing aloud for joy.

From Michigan Conference we have three special benefactions in the year: \$300 for the "Home for the Friendless" in Lucknow. A Memorial Fund has also been inaugurated, and initial steps taken for an Orphanage in China by the sisters of the Lansing District.

Other links, precious, golden and immortal, have this year been added to the chain that cements us with our foreign work. Four of our own ladies—Miss Mary C. Robinson, of Michigan; Dr. Kate A. Corey, of Indiana; Miss Sarah M. De Line, of Illinois, and Miss Linna A. Schenck, of Michigan, have been sent by our Branch to foreign fields. Besides, we have loaned Gertrude Howe to the Cincinnati Branch, donated Miss Hewitt to the Philadelphia Branch, and Dr. Lucy Hoag to the New York Branch. We have three other candidates, two of whom have been accepted, and one whose papers are under consideration.

Other laborers have entered into their reward. Mrs. D. C. Scofield, of precious memory, died in Elgin in March. Her great attachment to the cause of Missions was shown by a bequest of \$7,000—\$3,000 for the education of

ladies for the medical missionary work, and \$1,000 each for Orphanages in China, Japan, Mexico and India.

Mrs. Adaliza M. Stoughton, a self-denying, earnest member of Roberts Park Church, Indianapolis, passed away, leaving a gift of \$1,000 to the treasury. Another bequest of about \$1,000 has been left us by Mr. Aaron Devore, of Waverly, Illinois. Also, one of \$500, the interest of which we receive perpetually from Mrs. Elizabeth Robertson, of Westville, Indiana. We have this year received \$370.42, bequeathed us by Mrs. C. Wilcox, of Baraboo, Wisconsin; \$1,362.58 from the Kimball estate, and the always prompt yearly payment from the bequest of Mrs. Slater, of Grand Rapids, Michigan.

With devout thankfulness, we also record that another generous heart has been inspired to give of his means for the further establishment of Christ's kingdom. Mr. D. C. Scofield has very recently offered to endow a professorship to the amount of \$25,000 in a Medical Training School for medical missionaries. Already the necessary legal steps have been taken to secure a charter for such an institution and trustees for the same, believing that ere long this one benefaction will, through God's blessing, be made the means of awakening interest in the subject, and leading others to follow his example.

With gratitude to our Heavenly Father for the opportunity to aid in this glorious work, we pledge for the future increased activity and greater zeal.

#### SUMMARY OF HOME WORK.

Auxiliaries.....	\$64
Members.....	20,082
Life Members.....	1,577
Honorary Managers.....	31
Honorary Patrons.....	7
Mite Boxes.....	6,534
Subscribers to H. W. F. ....	5,060

#### SUMMARY OF FOREIGN WORK.

Missionaries.....	10
Assistants.....	12
Bible Women.....	9
Orphans and Scholarships.....	111
Day Schools.....	12

Besides large sums paid for the support of schools supported jointly by the Branches, as well as for purchases of needed mission property.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT.

Balance on hand October 1, 1883.....	\$ 6,461 11
Receipts to October 1, 1884.....	36,597 13
Total.....	\$ 42,968 24
Disbursements.....	35,733 09
Balance on hand.....	\$ 7,235 15

Branch Executive Meeting the Second and Fourth Tuesdays of each month, at 10 A. M., 161 La Salle street, Chicago.

*DES MOINES BRANCH.*

Includes Iowa and Missouri, with headquarters at Des Moines.

## OFFICERS.

<i>President</i> .....	MRS. MARY S. HUSTON.....	Burlington, Iowa.
<i>Cor. Secretary</i> ..	" L. D. CARHART.....	Marion, "
<i>Rec. Secretary</i> ..	" B. GATCHELL.....	Des Moines, "
<i>Treasurer</i> .....	" E. K. STANLEY.....	" "

## CONFERENCE SECRETARIES.

<i>Iowa</i> .....	MRS. M. B. POWER.....	Albia, Iowa.
<i>Des Moines</i> .....		
<i>Upper Iowa</i> ...	DR. MARY W. PORTER.....	Davenport, Iowa.
<i>N. W. Iowa</i> ...	MRS. ISABEL G. WHITFIELD.....	Sioux City, "
<i>St. Louis</i> .....	" ADA B. HAGERTY.....	St. Louis, Mo.
<i>Missouri</i> .....	" J. H. CANADAY.....	

Last year it was recorded that the work of the Western Branch, of which we then formed a part, had been retarded by physical conditions, such as cyclones, floods and tornadoes. While we have had but few such embarrassments this year, yet we shall appear weaker, and have suffered some loss because of other circumstances. The division of the Western Branch, which reduced our territory from seven states to two, of course largely decreases our figures. The change of Branch Corresponding Secretary at the last quarter of the year has also had much to do with an imperfect showing.

For various reasons many of our District and Conference Secretaries, who hitherto have rendered such efficient service, have been obliged to resign their positions. This, the first year of our organization as the Des Moines Branch, has seemed to be, in many respects, one of discouragement rather than satisfactory progress. Notwithstanding all these hinderances we have been enabled, through the mercy and guidance of Our Father, to meet all our appropriations, and can praisefully exclaim, as in the past: "Hitherto hath the Lord helped us." The Conference Anniversaries and District meetings have been occasions of spiritual power, and a means of quickening missionary zeal. Missionary teas and public meetings have all aided in awakening and increasing sentiment in favor of Missions. There is an increased interest manifested among the young ladies in some of our Conferences, and in one notable instance the entire society was converted, and gave at Christmas time a thank offering for the abundant grace God had bestowed upon them. Our Conference and District Secretaries have done what they could, and to them great thanks are due, for it is owing to their faithfulness and toil that in this, our year of beginning and hinderances, through the blessing of God, we have been enabled to make some growth.

At the beginning of the year we had hoped to find some one within our territory who should be ready to respond to the call for laborers: "Here am I, send me." One was found—Miss Josie Howard, of Marionville, Missouri.



Her qualifications and health appeared to be all that could be desired, but before she could respond to inquiries she was seized with typhoid fever, and after an illness of several weeks, passed to the land that knoweth no shadow.

Our dear, faithful ones, having no desire either to stand still or retrograde, have increased our appropriations for this year to \$12,000, believing the Lord will honor our faith, and it shall be unto us even as we will. This action was entirely in keeping with the spirit of the annual meeting, which was one of trusting faith, earnest work and importunate prayer.

There is "a mind for the work," and for Zion's sake will we not hold our peace, and for Jerusalem's sake we will not rest until the "righteousness thereof go forth as brightness, and the salvation thereof as a lamp that burneth, and the Gentiles shall see Thy righteousness and all Kings Thy glory."

## SUMMARY OF HOME WORK.

Auxiliaries .....	286
Members .....	6,506
Life Members .....	550
Honorary Managers .....	17
Life Patrons .....	4
Young Ladies' Societies .....	16
Bands .....	4
Subscribers to H. W. F. ....	1,227

## SUMMARY OF FOREIGN WORK.

Teachers .....	1
Missionaries .....	1
Bible Readers .....	9
Day Schools .....	1
Scholarships .....	40
Orphans .....	40

## TREASURER'S REPORT.

Cash on hand October 1, 1883 .....	\$ 1,095 03
Received during the year .....	6,504 98
Total .....	\$10,660 01
Disbursements and expenses .....	9,755 01
Cash on hand October 1, 1884 .....	\$ 905 00

## MINNEAPOLIS BRANCH.

Includes Minnesota and Dakota, with headquarters at Minneapolis. Organized December 18, 1883.

## OFFICERS.

<i>President</i> .....	MRS. EMILY HUNTINGTON MILLER...	St. Paul, Minn.
<i>Rec. Secretary</i> .....	" J. M. HEARD .....	Minneapolis, Minn.
<i>Cor. Secretary</i> .....	" MARY C. NIND .....	" "
<i>Treasurer</i> .....	" W. M. HARRISON, 802 2d av.,	South Minneapolis.

## CONFERENCE SECRETARIES.

<i>Minnesota Con.</i> .....	MRS CHARLOTTE S. WINCHELL,	E. Minneapolis, Minn.
<i>Dakota Mission Con.</i> .....	" I. M. HARTSOUGH .....	Sioux Falls, D. T.
<i>German Work</i> .....	MISS MAGGIE DREYER .....	Armstrong, Kansas.

Who hath despised the day of small things ? This is the word of the Lord :  
“ Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the Lord of Hosts.”

Believing the word of Him whose promises never fail, we commenced, continued and have closed the first year in our history.

He *only knows*, who reads the thoughts and knoweth us altogether, “ how, in weakness, and in fear, and in much trembling ” we entered upon our new and untried responsibilities ; but the word of the Lord came to our hearts with power. “ Fear thou not, for I am with thee ; be not dismayed, for I am thy God. I will strengthen thee ; yea, I will help thee ; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness.”

“ Behold, I will make thee a new sharp threshing instrument, having teeth.”

“ Arise, and thresh, O daughters of Zion, for I will make thine horn iron, and I will make thine hoofs brass, and thou shalt beat in pieces many people, and I will consecrate their gain unto the Lord, and their substance unto the Lord of the whole earth.”

The Promiser has fulfilled all his promises to us.

Our territory, as given to us by the General Executive Committee, embraces Minnesota and Dakota, but Washington, Idaho and Montana Territories have sought admission, and gladly we have welcomed one auxiliary from each, and it is hoped sanction will be granted us to undertake these new fields.

Notwithstanding the fact that we have had but two organizers traveling, Mrs. Hartsough and the Branch Secretary, they have done comparatively little. The Lord has blessed the labors put forth, while the letters written and the literature sent out have resulted in quickening and “ strengthening the things which were ready to die.”

Miss Maggie Dreyer has labored very successfully within the bounds of our Branch, among our German churches, reporting sixteen auxiliaries, with 325 members ; subscribers to *H. W. F.*, twenty-eight. She feels greatly the need of missionary literature in German, and asks for the publication of a pamphlet containing constitution, by-laws and a condensed report of work at home and abroad, which would greatly facilitate her work.

We gratefully record *advance* all along the line—blessed harmony and united labor. “ The watchmen have seen, eye to eye.”

Conscious that missionary facts are missionary arguments, we have been diligent in getting our literature into the hands of our people at camp-meetings, conferences, quarterly and annual meetings. We have sold all we could, and given away where we could not sell. Thousands of leaflets have been distributed ; over 300 copies of Reports sold ; 400 copies of “ Mustard Seed ” and “ Land of the Rising Sun ” ordered. “ Sister Rideneou’s Sacrifice ” has found its way to many a home and Sunday-school library. The valuable “ Lesson Leaf,” increasing the interest in our monthly meetings, is used in many of our Auxiliaries. Many more readers of the *Heathen Woman’s Friend*

than at the commencement of the year ; then 374, now 603—an increase of 229. The total increase in the circulation of this best of missionary papers is 1,074. We are thankful that nearly one-fifth of this increase has been ours.

The Missionary Map has been a great help during the year's work, in bringing the points of interest near and making the places more real.

Three Flag festivals have been held. The proceeds of two replenished our depleted treasury; the proceeds of the other were sent by mistake to the General Missionary Society, the sisters not fully understanding that the Flag festival "was a God-given thought for W. F. M. S.," and by the originator so designed. Let it be so understood everywhere.

We have received from the grateful women of the Training school at Peking a Chinese flag, presented to the ladies of the First Church, Minneapolis, in return for the one sent to them. A very interesting letter accompanied it.

The Oriental tea held in Minneapolis, under the efficient leadership of Mrs. Bishop Foss, was a grand success, netting our treasury \$763.22, and greatly aiding us in meeting our appropriations.

It was decided to devote the proceeds to the buildings in Calcutta, Naini Tal and Hakodati, and each church bear their part in raising the amount assigned us, which has been done.

Mrs. Higgins, the President of the Hamline Auxiliary, the first organized in the new Branch, gives a plan in connection with mite chests. She has fourteen in her family, and she is getting each member of the household to put in, on the anniversary of their birth, as many cents as they are years old ; then she joyfully remarked, "I shall soon have to put in fifty-eight." This plan, carried out, will yield us a large revenue.

For the Illustrated Christian Paper for Women of India we have not received as much as we had hoped. The financial pressure is heavy upon our Branch, and it has been very difficult for us to do much more than meet our appropriations. We hope to do more next year. We are full of gratitude that all the appropriations for the foreign fields have been met, though we have only a small balance in our treasury. From varied sources the money has flowed in. Oriental and Occidental Missionary Teas; Flag Festivals; Quilts—crazy and sane; aprons and pincushions; Annual Memberships; Life Members; Honorary Managers; Life Patrons; selling cook books and reports; scattering "Mustard Seed," and other seed in kindred books; filling mite chests, then emptying them into the Treasury; giving a tenth to the Lord from profitable investments; raising chickens, selling eggs, bouquets, dolls, photographs; coffee and tea have been abandoned—the price of a meal given to God's work. One lady paints her house that she may do more for heathen women; the wardrobe and table are more simple, that the poor and hungry in foreign lands may be fed and enriched. But time fails us to recount. He who sits over against the Treasury keeps the record. We have received no large amounts—no bequests are ours to record—these we hope are in the future.

Nor have we been privileged to send from our Branch any Missionary to represent our Society, but, as a result of a meeting held at Hamline University, John Baxter offered himself to the self-supporting work under the care of Bishop Taylor, and is doing valiant service at Callao Peru, S. A. We are earnestly praying that from some of our homes the Lord of the vineyard will call some dear daughters, who will gladly respond: "Here am I, send me."

## SUMMARY OF HOME WORK.

Auxiliaries .....	23	increase	85
Members .....	617	"	2,200
Life Members .....	13	"	143
Life Managers .....	3	"	20
Life Patrons .....	2	"	3
Subscribers to H. W. F. ....	239	"	604

## SUMMARY OF FOREIGN WORK.

Assistant Missionaries .....	4
Bible Readers .....	2
Schools .....	3
Teachers .....	3
Scholarships .....	26
Orphans .....	6
Home of Friendless Pithoragarh .....	2
Partial support of Buadon Boarding School.	

## TREASURER'S REPORT.

Receipts during year .....	\$3,811 85
Disbursements .....	3,657 00
Balance on hand .....	\$ 154 85

## TOPEKA BRANCH.

Includes Kansas, Nebraska, Colorado, and Wyoming Territory, with headquarters at Topeka, Kansas.

## OFFICERS.

<i>President</i> .....	MRS. BISHOP NINDE .....	Topeka, Kansas.
<i>Cor. Secretary</i> .....	" H. M. SHATTUCK .....	Denver, Colorado.
<i>Rec. Secretary</i> .....	" J. C. TORRINGTON .....	Topeka, Kansas.
<i>Treasurer</i> .....	" M. J. SHELLEY .....	Humboldt, Nebraska.

## CONFERENCE SECRETARIES.

<i>Kansas</i> .....	MRS. REBA FREEMAN .....	Wyandotte, Kansas.
<i>South Kansas</i> .....	" H. E. M. PATTEE .....	Williamsburg, "
<i>Southwest Kansas</i> ..	" C. A. LOOSE .....	Peabody, "
<i>Northwest Kansas</i> ..	" CYNTHIA A. SEE .....	Salina, "
<i>Nebraska</i> .....	" GRACE MILLER .....	Lincoln, Nebraska.
<i>North Nebraska</i> .....	" HATTIE HAWVER .....	Omaha, "
<i>Nebraska Mission</i> ..	" H. J. SEAMAN .....	
<i>Colorado</i> .....	" REV. O. L. FISHER .....	29 N. 15th st., Denver, Col.
<i>German Confer</i> .....	MISS MAGGIE DREYER .....	Salina, Kansas.

Ten months ago our new Branch started its frail bark in new waters, surrounded with the mists and fogs of doubt—the tremblings of untried hands—

but out of the mists and fogs spake a voice: "Be not dismayed, for *I* am thy God! I will *help* thee, yea, I will *strengthen* thee!" What a freighting of *courage* these divine words brought to our shrinking hearts—what light—what rest! We looked up, and beheld the guiding hand of our Divine Leader at the helm. Truly, God has been in all the field—energizing all forces, shaping our plans—a very present help; and, as the year closes, and we find *every pledge met*, with glad thanksgivings we place our first memorial stone in happy significance of the Mighty Hand that hath gotten us the victory. "It is better to trust in the Lord than to put confidence in princes."

Our Conference Secretaries have done noble work. Two have been called to other fields—Miss Meech, of Southwest Kansas Conference, to Michigan; Mrs. Smith, of Nebraska Mission, has departed with her husband as missionaries of the Parent Board to China—our prayers follow them. Our districts have been but partially organized the past year. We expect our twenty-nine newly-placed District Secretaries will do good service this year.

The organization of Young Ladies' Societies has been a feature of our work. The following deserve special mention: The Baldwin City Juveniles support Ida Baker at Pithoragarh. The Winfield girls have paid \$37.00 into our treasury, aside from their dues, and shared one-half the expense of sending a delegate to our annual meeting, and their young hearts abound with Missionary zeal. Edgar, Nebraska, has a fine Young Ladies' Society. The boys of the State Industrial School, Golden, Colorado, have paid \$25.00 for Grace Ninde, of Paori Orphanage. The matron tells of their daily prayers for her. The King's Daughters, Evans Memorial Church, Denver, have done royal work, and sent \$60.00 to the treasury for the year. The "Hamisfar Society," of California street, Denver, have honored the name they bear. A model Auxiliary treasurer, of Lawrence street, Denver, gathered \$100.00 as a Christmas offering, and made the first honorary manager of Topeka Branch. Our conference anniversaries have been occasions of marked blessing—spiritual and financial. A new *Auxiliary Treasurer's Book* has been issued by our Branch, we trust, to fill a long-felt need. It sells for thirty cents. The South Kansas Conference has, by its special gathered offerings, sent our beloved Dr. Hamisfar a \$190 organ, to help make melody for Jesus in the land of the rising sun. A large number of the works of Mrs. Charlotte T. Wilder have been sold throughout the Branch, enriching mind, heart and treasury. Thousands of leaflets have been scattered, and are more and more appreciated. We are glad to record an increase of 297 subscribers for the *Heathen Woman's Friend* during the year. The Zenana Paper leaflet has been largely circulated, and everywhere welcomed as inaugurating a most important era of missionary work. One sister in Carbondale, Kansas, responded by a gift of \$45.

In a town where there is no Society, a lady has made two life members, and sent \$40 to the treasury. Another, dependent upon her own hands, living in one room on the basement floor, has made two life members, and supports a child in India. In Kansas a gold watch was tearfully laid on Christ's altar.

A German sister brings many yards of Guipure lace, hoping thus to add \$100 to the treasury and make an honorary manager. An aged couple, nearing heavenly mansions, devise their earthly home to the W. F. M. Society, valued at \$1,000. A white-haired, veteran preacher places \$200 in trust for the W. F. M. S. as a perpetual monument of God's loving kindness to him, to yield an annual interest of \$12 to our treasury. We gratefully record the gift of twenty-five copies of "Rosario" from Mrs. Jennie F. Willing.

Miss Lillie M. Hayes, of Topeka, has been accepted by the Branch as a medical missionary candidate of much promise.

With profound regret we record the removal of our president beyond the limits of our Branch. Wisdom, love and dignity marked her relations with us. Upon the closing day of our annual meeting—as a slight token of our affectionate appreciation—a beautiful floral ship and a missionary album were given her. Mrs. Bishop Ninde was elected her successor.

The Topeka Branch has the honor to have had Dr. Ella M. Gilchrist, missionary to Kiu-kiang, China, within its borders during the last two years of her life. She went to heavenly rest on April 23, 1884. Her loving and abundant labors will ever be fragrant among us.

#### SUMMARY OF HOME WORK.

Auxiliaries .....	27	increase	176
Members .....	96	"	4,004
Life Members .....	36	"	244
Honorary Managers.....	1	"	7
Subscribers to H. W. F.....	297	"	1,239
Life Patrons.....			1
Young Ladies' Societies .....			12
Members.....			169
Bands .....			5

#### SUMMARY OF FOREIGN WORK.

Missionaries.....	3
Bible Readers .....	5
Teachers.....	4
Orphans.....	27
Scholarships.....	21

#### TREASURER'S REPORT.

Balance on hand .....	\$ 613 27
Receipts .....	5,747 36
Total.....	\$6,360 63
Expenditures.....	6,239 60
Balance.....	\$ 121 03
Organ .....	79 50
Zenana Paper.....	247 35

#### ATLANTA BRANCH.

Includes North Carolina, South Carolina, Alabama, Georgia and Florida, with headquarters at Atlanta.

The money collected by the Atlanta Branch is paid through the Cincinnati Branch.



## HOME STATISTICS.

BRANCHES.	Auxiliaries.	Increase.	Members.	Increase.	Life Members.	Increase.	Life Managers.	Increase.	Honorary Patrons.	Increase.	Subscriptions to II. W. Friend.	Mite Boxes.	Receipts.	Zenana Paper Fund.
New England ..	398	36	10,598	876	861	58	33	1	10	...	3,144	2,420	\$17,261 86	2,400 00
New York .....	661	99	22,029	2,583	781	73	58	3	11	....	3,651	1,500	25,292 88	1,367 59
Philadelphia ..	332	32	11,359	1,759	302	55	20	..	3	1	1,997	1,236	16,875 53	2,655 93
Baltimore .....	106	8	4,000	200	125	..	21	....	4	....	887	.....	7,674 98	2,019 55
Cincinnati .....	590	29	12,450	450	935	100	63	10	4	....	2,622	1,000	21,138 74	2,039 66
Northwestern ..	864	..	20,682	820	1,577	312	31	9	7	...	5,060	6,544	35,831 91	1,117 17
Des Moines .....	286	..	6,506	683	550	..	17	..	4	..	1,227	.....	9,564 03	494 95
Minneapolis ..	85	23	2,200	617	143	13	21	3	3	2	508	.....	3,811 85	206 69
Topeka .....	176	27	4,004	96	244	36	7	1	1	..	1,239	.....	5,747 36	298 82
	3,498	243	93,798	8,054	5,508	456	271	26	47	3	20,335	12,700	\$143,100 14	\$12,600 36

## REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PUBLICATION.

WHEREAS, The *Heathen Woman's Friend* has met with general approval on account of the excellent judgment of its editor in the selection of material, and its wise arrangement; and

WHEREAS, It has been made a power in spreading missionary intelligence wherever it has gone, carrying a pleasant and attractive address; therefore,

1. *Resolved*, That Mrs. W. F. Warren be continued as its editor, with a salary of \$500, and a sufficient amount to meet the incidental expenses of the office.

WHEREAS, We have carefully examined the itemized accounts of the agent of the *Heathen Woman's Friend*, and find that the large surplus shows that everything connected with the publication of the paper has been conducted with care and economy, thus proving great wisdom in its management; therefore,

2. *Resolved*, That Miss Pauline J. Walden be continued as agent of the *Heathen Woman's Friend*, with a salary of \$500.

3. *Resolved*, That we express the sincere thanks of this Executive Committee to Mr. A. S. Weed for his efficient services as auditor during the past year, and ask him to continue in the position.

WHEREAS, The leaflets published by our Society are found to be an invaluable agent in our work in awakening missionary interest and kindling missionary zeal; therefore,

4. *Resolved*, That we recommend that the publication of leaflets be continued by Mrs. J. T. Gracey, whose wisdom and fitness for this position have been abundantly demonstrated in the past, and whose devotion to this work demands our lasting gratitude.

5. *Resolved*, That we have examined the itemized accounts of the Committee on Leaflets, and find them correct and properly vouched.

6. *Resolved*, That the name and address of the Leaflet Committee be continued in each issue of the *Friend*.

7. *Resolved*, That in consideration of the increasing interest among our German sisters in the work of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, we recommend to the Leaflet Committee the publication of one or more leaflets in the German language for distribution.

8. *Resolved*, That a leaflet be prepared embodying the characteristics of the *Heathen Woman's Friend*, showing the invaluable assistance which it has rendered to all the interests of the Society, and urging its more general circulation.

9. *Resolved*, That in the preparation of leaflets for the coming year, the chairman of the committee be requested to have in view the interests of the young ladies of the church, and include in the issue one or more especially adapted to this department of work.

10. *Resolved*, That in view of the rapid extension of our work and the increasing demands for leaflets, we recommend that the sum of \$700 be appropriated from the surplus funds of the *Heathen Woman's Friend* for their publication, and that \$200 be appropriated from the same funds for the use of the committee in procuring such assistance as the work demands.

WHEREAS, Your committee find, upon inquiry, that the uniform readings are not answering their original purpose, and are not universally used in our auxiliaries ; therefore,

11. *Resolved*, That a uniform plan of study be substituted for these readings, to occupy not more than one column of the *Friend*, and that Mrs. H. Benton, of Cleveland, Ohio, be requested to take charge of this work.

12. *Resolved*, That we recommend that the rules for pronunciation of foreign names, with additions from other countries, be continued in the general report.

13. *Resolved*, That the publisher of the *Heathen Woman's Friend* be requested to continue to furnish gratuitously to Branches life-membership certificates of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, the cost of transportation to be borne by the Branch ordering the certificates ; and further request that special mention be made of this in the general report.

14. *Resolved*, That we recommend the insertion in the rules concerning the Constitutional Publication Committee of the following by-law : That a committee of five shall be appointed annually by the Constitutional Publication Committee, to whom shall be intrusted the investment and control of the funds of the *Heathen Woman's Friend*.

15. *Resolved*, That the Constitutional Publication Committee take charge of the funds raised for the endowment of the Zenana paper, and control of their investment and expenditure, and have the general supervision of the interests of the paper.

16. *Resolved*, That the said committee shall nominate the editor of the paper, to be appointed from among the ladies doing work for the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society in North India.

17. *Resolved*, That the General Executive Committee of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society requests the North India Conference to appoint five persons—three ladies and two gentlemen, one of whom shall be the publisher—to supervise the business interests of the paper; this committee to send the annual financial statement, amount of circulation, and items of interest, to the Constitutional Publication Committee in time to be presented to the annual General Executive Committee Meeting in America.

18. *Resolved*, That we accept with thanks the generous gift to the schools of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of copies of the book entitled

"The Human Body," donated by Misses Buckelew and Lewis through the Brooklyn Auxilliary; further

19. *Resolved*, That the secretary of the Executive Committee be instructed to send these ladies a copy of this resolution.

20. *Resolved*, That the thanks of this Executive Committee are due Mrs. B. R. Cowen for the excellent service rendered in the preparation of the Fourteenth Annual Report, and we herewith express our gratitude, and request that she consent to undertake the publication of the Fifteenth Report, the expense incurred to be defrayed from the surplus funds of the *Heathen Woman's Friend*.

21. *Resolved*, That the Branch Corresponding Secretaries be requested to furnish to the editor of the *Heathen Woman's Friend* a few concise facts in regard to each Missionary, to be published in connection with the announcement of her departure for the foreign field.

22. *Resolved*, That the proceedings of this General Executive Committee Meeting be published in the December number of the *Heathen Woman's Friend*, as heretofore, and that the reports of the standing committees be also published in the Fifteenth General Report.

MRS. FRANK P. CRANDON, *Chairman*,  
MRS. C. S. WINCHELL, *Secretary*.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MISSIONARY CANDIDATES.

1. The committee having carefully considered the credentials of Mrs. M. F. Scranton, and deeming them most satisfactory; therefore

*Resolved*, That we recommend her appointment to the foreign field, as eminently qualified for earnest work.

2. The testimonials of Miss Julia A. Bonafield having been carefully examined; therefore

*Resolved*, That we recommend her acceptance as a Missionary candidate, if a personal interview with the Corresponding Secretary presenting her papers prove satisfactory.

3. WHEREAS, The papers of Miss Theresa J. Kyle prove satisfactory,

*Resolved*, That we recommend her acceptance as a suitable candidate for acceptance by the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.

4. WHEREAS, The testimonials of Miss Mina A. Bartlett having been considered; therefore

*Resolved*, That your committee deem her fully qualified to become a missionary candidate.

5. WHEREAS, The papers of Miss Mary C. Elliot have been examined and approved; therefore

*Resolved*, That we recommend her acceptance.

6. WHEREAS, The papers of Miss Mary J. Elliott, which have been presented to the committee, are satisfactory; therefore

*Resolved*, That we recommend her acceptance, subject to the approval of

the Corresponding Secretary of the Cincinnati Branch, after a personal interview.

7. WHEREAS, The committee having examined the papers of Miss Wilhelmína L. Armstrong,

*Resolved*, That, on account of incomplete education and immaturity, we cannot, at present, recommend her acceptance as a Missionary candidate. See requirements for the Missionary candidates, Sec. 6, Arts. IV. and V., and that we refer her case to the Corresponding Secretary of the New York Branch.

8. *Resolved*, That the resolutions of Committee on Missionary Candidates for 1883 be reaffirmed as follows:

*Resolved*. That each Branch appoint a standing committee of five, of which the Branch Corresponding Secretary shall be chairman, who shall investigate the case of any lady, within the limits of the Branch, who makes application to be sent out by this Society; and two or more of this committee shall see the lady, if practicable, before her papers are sent to the Reference Committee, or to the committee appointed at the General Executive Meeting.

*Resolved*, That a report of this examination as to divine call, Christian character, and qualifications shall accompany other testimonials.

MRS. CLEMENTINE BUTLER, *Chairman*,  
MRS. M. R. CRAWFORD, *Secretary*.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

1. *Resolved*, That the Des Moines Branch have the privilege of paying \$300 salary for the second year of Miss Budden's absence from India.

2. *Resolved*, That the Baltimore Branch be granted permission to pay Miss Layton's return passage from India.

3. *Resolved*, That the estimates for Kiu Kiang, China, be referred to the Committee of Reference for further information.

4. *Resolved* (a), That the corresponding secretary of the New York Branch be authorized to ascertain if the Missionary Board will agree to the terms of occupancy of Miraflores proposed by Rev. C. W. Drees, superintendent, in consideration of their appropriation of \$1,000 towards the school building. *Resolved* (b), That the corresponding secretary of New York Branch be authorized to sign the agreement referred to above on behalf of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.

5. *Resolved*, That Miss L. M. Latimer be accepted as a Missionary of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society in Mexico, as recommended by Rev. C. W. Drees, superintendent of the Mission.

6. *Resolved*, That the Home for Homeless Women in Pithoragarh receive the name of the "Angeline Newman Home," in consideration of the fact that Mrs. Angeline Newman furnished the necessary funds for the erection of the Home.

7. *Resolved*, That an account of the payments of the Woman's Foreign

Missionary Society to Miss Mary A. Sharpe, of Africa, be published in the *Heathen Woman's Friend*.

8. *Resolved*, That if, after consultation with the Parent Board, it seems best to grant the request of the Peking ladies, to exchange the hospital property belonging to the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society for property belonging to the Parent Board, adjoining the present building of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society in Peking, the General Executive Committee agree to the exchange, and request the secretary of the New York Branch to notify the corresponding secretary to forward the appropriations made.

9. *Resolved*, That we request the North India Conference to relieve Miss Thoburn from charge of the school in Lucknow, and appoint her to have general supervision of the work of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society in India.

10. *Resolved*, That the General Executive Committee request Miss Thoburn to draw on the treasury of the Cincinnati Branch for her traveling expenses as superintendent, and that she be instructed to travel in such manner as shall put the least strain on her health.

11. *Resolved*, That the following ladies be appointed treasurers in the foreign fields: Miss L. E. Blackmar, Lucknow, India; Miss S. Trask, M. D., Foochow, China; Miss A. B. Sears, Peking, China; Miss Frances Wheeler, Chung King, China; Miss M. C. Robinson, Chin Kiang, China; Mrs. J. C. Jackson, Wuhu, China; Miss M. A. Spencer, Tokio, Japan; Miss M. Hampton, Hakodati, Japan; Miss E. Russell, Nagasaki, Japan; Mrs. C. M. Van Petten, Yokohama, Japan; Mrs. L. M. Vernon, Rome, Italy; Miss L. Schenck, Loftcha, Bulgaria; Rev. T. B. Wood, Montevideo, South America; Miss J. E. Goodenough, Buenos Ayres, South America; Miss J. M. Chapin, Rosario, South America; Miss M. D. Loyd, Mexico City, Mexico; Miss M. Hastings, Pachuca, Mexico; Miss S. DeLine, Bombay, India.

12. *Resolved*, That the following ladies act as official correspondents for the ensuing year: Mrs. L. A. Alderman for Yokohama, Japan, North China and South America. Mrs. H. B. Skidmore for Rohilkund District, India, Corea, Italy and Central China. Mrs. S. L. Keen for Mexico and Tokio, Japan. Miss I. Hart for Foo Chow, China and West China. Mrs. H. M. Hill for Kumaon District, India, Bulgaria and Bombay. Mrs. B. R. Cowen for Oudh District, India, and Nagasaki, Japan. Mrs. H. M. Shattuck for Hakodati, Japan. Mrs. M. C. Ninde for South India.

H. B. SKIDMORE, *Chairman*,  
S. L. KEEN, *Secretary*.

#### MISCELLANEOUS.

In addition to resolutions offered by the Committee on Candidates, the following were passed :

*Resolved*, That the ladies in charge of our hospitals and dispensaries in the foreign fields be requested to make annually a statement of the medical supplies, books and surgical instruments in their respective stations.

*Resolved*, That these ladies be instructed to send such statements, through



their respective Branch Corresponding Secretaries, to some lady appointed by the General Executive Committee to keep the record for the Society.

*Resolved*, That a Committee on Photographs be formed, composed of one member from each Branch, of which the agent of the *Heathen Woman's Friend* shall be chairman; which committee shall be authorized to obtain, as far as practicable, the photographs of our missionaries, and furnish them at a uniform price to their respective Branches, the profits from the sale accruing to the Branch selling the photograph.

To the resolution on leaflets, the following was added:

*Resolved*, That the amount of expressage of leaflets to the respective Branches be paid by the Chairman of Leaflet Committee out of the amount appropriated for leaflets.

#### BRANCH DIVISIONS.

Montana, Idaho and Washington Territories, and Oregon were taken into the Minneapolis Branch until an organization is formed on the Pacific coast. Mrs. Skidmore and Mrs. Shattuck were appointed a committee to confer with the ladies in that locality on the organization of a California Branch.

#### ZENANA PAPER.

In reference to this enterprise, in addition to resolutions 15, 16 and 17, presented by Committee on Publication, the following were passed by the General Executive Committee:

*Resolved*, That we receive the Report of the Treasurer of the Fund for the establishment of a Zenana paper for the women of India with gratitude for the measure of success that has attended this enterprise, and very sincere thanks to the treasurer for the care she has given, and the prompt publishing of receipts for all money that has come into her hands. As the amount asked for has not been fully met, we suggest that the effort to collect funds for the permanent establishment of this paper shall be continued until the sum of \$20,000, necessary to secure the additional \$5,000 pledged, shall be received.

*Resolved*, That the funds necessary for the publication of the Zenana paper in India up to the amount of \$1,200, not met by the present income from the endowment fund, be supplied for the ensuing year from the surplus funds of the *Heathen Woman's Friend*.

By vote of the Constitutional Publication Committee, Miss L. E. Blackmar, of Lucknow, was elected editor of the paper, her intimate acquaintance with Zenana life making the selection a fitting one.

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### PLAN OF UNIFORM STUDY.

PREPARED BY MRS. H. BENTON.

In presenting these topics of study, it is not expected that every Auxiliary will follow them in detail; neither are they supposed to be at all exhaustive of the subjects presented. It is only hoped that some lines of thought and investigation will be opened up that will be helpful and stimulating. The fact,

too, becomes apparent, that while access to extensive libraries and expensive books and maps is pleasant and desirable, it is not necessary to a tolerably successful prosecution of these studies.

The Society has prepared a wall map, showing India, China, Japan, and our new field, Korea. This may be added to and made vastly more interesting, and become a delightful exercise, especially for the young people, by the use of colored crayons or inks, locating the Mission stations of our own and other churches, the Missionaries in whom we may be specially interested, etc. This map is sold at the low price of \$2.00, and is to be obtained of Miss Pauline J. Walden, 36 Bromfield street, Boston, Mass. If, however, you have no contingent fund, or prefer to keep it for some other purpose, take an ordinary school atlas and set the young people to making Missionary maps. A Missionary scrap-book, too, may be vastly helpful and suggestive, remembering that the various social, domestic, civil and international affairs of a country enter into the problem of its redemption from the blight of sin. Clip from all reliable, authentic sources items relating to our various Mission fields. Scarcely a number of our various secular papers but mentions the condition of the countries in which they lie, in some of the above-mentioned relations. Our own church papers are full of suggestive references, and the leaflets to be obtained from Branch corresponding secretaries are also very helpful. So, at all times and in all places, with our hearts filled with the petition, "Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done," and our lives consecrated to His service, may we not expect the Holy Spirit to take of the things of God in His word, and among the nations of men, and so show them unto us, that under its inspirations we shall do better work for the Master in the year just entered upon than ever we have done before.

*January*—The divine idea of missions; or the biblical reasons for missionary effort.

*February*—The divine idea of stewardship; or the biblical reason for giving "as the Lord hath prospered us."

*March*—A study of the methods and objects of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society at home.

*April*—A study of the methods and objects of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society abroad.

*May*—Africa, her necessities, and the supply.

*June*—China and the Chinese.

*July*—Social customs and literature of the Chinese.

*August*—Religions of China.

*September*—Korea.

*October*—Japan, her social customs and religions.

*November*—Providential openings for missionary labor, and what it has done for the world outside of Christianity.

*December*—General survey; or missionary effort and apparent results, together with comparative results of Christian endeavor in Christian and in heathen lands.

# APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1884-5 BY BRANCHES.

## NEW ENGLAND BRANCH.

### *India.*

<i>Naini Tal</i> , School building.....	\$500 00
<i>Roy Bareilly</i> , Mrs. Grant's salary.....	300 00
Rent, \$100; Bible Women, \$200....	300 00
Conveyance, \$84; Repairs \$42.....	126 00
Schools.....	209 00
<i>Cawnpore</i> , Miss Harvey's salary....	650 00
<i>Bijnour</i> , Boarding school.....	100 00
City schools.....	175 00
Three Bible-women.....	100 00
Conveyance.....	84 00
Eight Bible-readers.....	167 00
<i>Moradabad</i> , Miss M. J. Seymour's salary.....	75 00
Girls Boarding school.....	750 00
Matron.....	75 00
Repairs on Ladies' Home.....	84 00
Land and building for school....	1,500 00
Zenana and Mohulla readers....	250 00
City girls' schools.....	334 00
Munshi, \$25; Conveyance, \$84....	109 00
Medical work.....	375 00
Dr. Christianity's salary.....	650 00
<i>Bareilly</i> , Girls in orphanage.....	612 00
Dr. Swain's salary.....	650 00
Hospital necessities and medici's.....	520 00
<i>Amroha</i> , Schools and Bible-women.....	696 00
Total.....	\$9,591 00

### *Japan.*

<i>Tokio</i> , Eight scholarships.....	\$320 00
Watchman.....	100 00
<i>Yokohama</i> , Salary of Miss Benton.....	600 00
Expenses contingent to work....	150 00
Personal teacher.....	100 00
Bible-women in training.....	250 00
Furocho school.....	30 00
Current house repairs.....	200 00
Insurance, \$40; Ground rent, \$60..	100 00
<i>Nagasaki</i> , Five scholarships.....	200 00
<i>Hakodati</i> , Six scholarships.....	240 00
Total.....	\$2,500 00

### *North China.*

<i>Peking</i> , Miss Cushman's return and her salary.....	\$800 00
Boarding school current expenses.....	600 00
Chinese day school.....	100 00
Local travel.....	50 00
Building home.....	1,000 00
<i>Tsun Hau</i> , Work (conditional).....	500 00
<i>Tientsin</i> , Miss Yate's salary.....	600 00
Expenses contingent to work....	150 00
Personal teacher.....	100 00
Dr. Acker's salary.....	600 00
Expenses contingent to work....	150 00
Personal teacher.....	120 00
Freight on organ (conditional) ..	35 00

Dispensary assistant \$100; Matron \$60.....	160 00
Coolies for hospital.....	120 00
Watchman, \$54; Gatekeeper, \$54.....	108 00

Total.....\$5,193 00

### *Central China.*

<i>Wuhu</i> , School building.....	\$300 00
Girls.....	50 00

Total.....\$350 00

### *West China.*

<i>Chung King</i> , Improvement on building.....	\$250 00
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Total.....\$250 00

### *South America.*

<i>Rosario</i> , Miss Chapin's salary.....	\$600 00
Expenses contingent to work....	150 00
Education of girls.....	100 00
<i>Montevideo</i> , Assistants.....	200 00
<i>Buenos Ayres</i> , Assistant teacher..	300 00
Rent.....	200 00

Total.....\$1,550 00

### *Italy.*

<i>Arezzo</i> , Bible-woman, Mrs. Cavalieri.....	\$150 00
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Total.....\$150 00

### *Mexico.*

<i>Mexico City</i> , Bible-woman.....	\$60 00
Books and tracts.....	40 00
Rent of home.....	350 00
Girls in orphanage.....	240 00
<i>Miraflores</i> , Salary of school teacher.....	300 00
Repairs and school furniture.....	30 00
School books, stationery, etc.....	75 00
New building (conditional).....	500 00
<i>Pachuca</i> , Miss Latimer's salary....	600 00
Expenses contingent to the work..	150 00
Expenses to conference.....	25 00
<i>Puebla</i> , New school building.....	250 00

Total.....\$2,620 00

### *Bulgaria.*

<i>Loftcha</i> , Two scholarships.....	\$80 00
Water supply.....	200 00

Total.....\$280 00

### *Corea.*

One half of Mrs. Scranton's salary.....	\$375 00
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Opening of the work.....	250 00
Total .....	\$625 00
Contingent .....	331 00
Grand total.....	\$23,500 00

## NEW YORK BRANCH.

*India.*

<i>East Kumaon</i> , Village work.....	\$100 00
<i>Pithoragarh</i> , Three girls .....	60 00
<i>Tarai</i> , Bible-reader .....	15 00
<i>Naini Tal</i> , Building .....	1,000 00
<i>Lucknow</i> , Assistant No. 3.....	250 00
Three Bible-readers .....	180 00
Conveyance .....	52 00
<i>Hu dui</i> , Bible-readers and schools.....	271 00
<i>Ellenore</i> Bible-readers and schools.....	105 00
<i>Cawnpore</i> , Miss Hyde's salary.....	650 00
Medical work.....	375 00
Unao schools and Bible-reader... ..	144 00
Dormitories .....	250 00
<i>Moradabad</i> , Two scholars .....	30 00
Land and school building.....	1,000 00
Mohulla work .....	167 00
<i>Budaon</i> , Mrs. Butterfield's salary.. ..	150 00
City girls' school.....	250 00
Bible-women .....	180 00
<i>Kakouli</i> , Bible-women and school .....	50 00
<i>Bilsi</i> , Bible-women and school.....	84 00
<i>Basauli</i> , Bible-woman and school.....	63 00
<i>Bareilly</i> , Miss Spark's salary.....	650 00
Orphanage .....	1,400 00
Second assistant .....	225 00
<i>Zenana</i> work, Miss Durand.....	350 00
Bible-readers.....	240 00
Conveyance .....	84 00
City girls' school .....	384 00
Conveyance Mrs. Banerje, and salary .....	250 00
<i>Bareilly Circuit</i> , Bitauli.....	20 00
Shahbazzpore .....	15 00
Bisalpur .....	20 00
Philibit .....	25 00
Faredpur.....	20 00
Boheri .....	30 00
<i>Aoula</i> , Three schools, one Bible-reader.....	115 00
<i>Chera Bajhera</i> school and Bible-reader .....	90 00
<i>Fatehganj</i> .....	85 00
<i>Shergarh</i> .....	20 00
<i>Mirganj</i> .....	25 00
<i>Serali</i> .....	30 00
<i>Shewpuri</i> .....	24 00
<i>South India</i> , A lady to Bombay.....	1,000 00
Salary of Mrs. F. English.....	650 00
Salary of Clara Downey.....	650 00
Total .....	\$11,778 00

*North China.*

<i>Peking</i> , Mrs. C. Jewel's salary....	\$600 00
Incidentals .....	150 00
Home .....	500 00
Teacher .....	75 00
Coolie .....	54 00
Mrs. Wang, Bible-woman .....	50 00
<i>Chin Kiang</i> , Miss Hoag, M. D.....	600 00
Incidentals .....	150 00
School .....	400 00
Dispensary.....	250 00
Scholarships.....	80 00

<i>Foochow</i> , Miss Trask's salary.....	600 00
Incidentals .....	150 00
Hospital expenses .....	400 00
Three medical students .....	54 00
Passage to Japan and U. S. ....	710 00
<i>Foochow</i> District day schools.....	200 00
Deaconess .....	24 00
<i>Wuhu</i> , Land and wall.....	250 00
Building .....	500 00
Scholarships .....	50 00
<i>West China</i> , School rent.....	165 00
Police expenditure.....	5 00
Medicine and nurse.....	25 00

Total .....

*Corea.*

Mrs. M. F. Scranton.....	\$375 00
For work in Corea.....	250 00
Passage to Japan.....	250 00

Total.....

*Japan.*

<i>Tokio</i> , Miss Atkinson's salary....	\$750 00
Teacher .....	100 00
Six scholarships, \$40 each.....	240 00
Day schools Tamachi .....	125 00
<i>Nagasaki</i> , Miss Gheer's salary and incidentals .....	750 00
Bible work, \$50; Repairs, \$50.....	100 00
Insurance .....	155 00
Scholarships .....	640 00
<i>Hakodati</i> , Miss Hampton's salary.....	750 00
Teacher .....	60 00
Land rent.....	108 00
Insurance .....	120 00
Ten scholarships, \$40 each.....	400 00

Total.....

*Mexico.*

Miss Le Huray's salary.....	\$600 00
Incidentals .....	150 00
Spanish teacher .....	100 00
Teacher of drawing and music.....	265 00
Rent of house .....	105 00
Beneficiaries supported.....	800 00
<i>Pachuca</i> , Miss Hasting's salary.....	600 00
Incidentals .....	150 00
Bible-women and supplies.....	100 00
Expenses to conference.....	25 00
<i>Queretaro</i> , Mexican assistant.....	300 00
Rent.....	360 00
School furniture and requisites.....	125 00
Bible-women and supplies.....	100 00
Porter's wages .....	120 00
<i>Puebla</i> , Rebuilding and extens on.....	500 00

Total.....

*South America.*

<i>Montevideo</i> , Assistant .....	\$200 00
School rent.....	500 00
<i>Buenos Ayres</i> , Rent.....	200 00

Total .....

*Italy.*

<i>Milan</i> , Mrs. Campari .....	\$160 00
<i>Naples</i> , Mrs. Polsinelle.....	160 00
<i>Venice</i> , Mrs. Tollis.....	160 00
<i>Verona</i> , Mrs. Conte.....	160 00

Total.....

*Bulgaria.*

<i>Loftcha</i> , Five scholarships.....	\$200 00
<i>Rustchuk</i> , School and Bible-women .....	330 00
Total.....	\$530 00
Grand total.....	\$30,176 00

## PHILADELPHIA BRANCH.

*India.*

<i>Paori</i> , Miss Maud Cumberland's salary.....	\$225 00
Orphanage and school.....	250 00
Repairs.....	84 00
Village schools.....	155 00
Bible-reader .....	40 00
<i>Naini Tal</i> , English girls' school property.....	200 00
<i>Lucknow</i> , Bible-reader .....	60 00
Conveyance .....	52 00
Matron for Home for Homeless Women .....	225 00
Repairs on H. H. W.....	250 00
Miss Heming's salary.....	350 00
City schools .....	334 00
Conveyance .....	84 00
<i>Cawnpore</i> , Miss Mispelaure's salary .....	350 00
Bible-readers .....	149 00
City schools .....	334 00
Conveyances .....	167 00
House and land rent.....	105 00
<i>Bijnour</i> , Miss H. Kerr's salary.....	650 00
Miss Cumberland's salary .....	300 00
Girl's boarding school .....	125 00
District village schools .....	75 00
<i>Moradabad</i> , Building for school.....	335 00
<i>Bareilly</i> , Miss Thompson's salary .....	275 00
Orphanage .....	400 00
Lady to be sent.....	1,000 00
Total for India.....	\$3,594 00

*Japan.*

<i>Tokio</i> , Miss Spencer's salary.....	\$600 00
Contingent expenses.....	150 00
Personal teacher.....	100 00
Scholarships .....	410 00
Insurance .....	240 00
Traveling expenses.....	75 00
Day school at Kanda.....	160 00
<i>Tohokama</i> , Bible-woman .....	100 00
Nogeyama school .....	200 00
<i>Nagasaki</i> , Scholarships.....	160 00
<i>Hakodati</i> , Miss Hewett's salary.....	600 00
Contingent expenses.....	150 00
Personal teacher .....	60 00
Scholarships.....	240 00
Matron and servant.....	170 00
Fuel and lights .....	250 00
Total for Japan.....	\$3,695 00

*Corea.*

Mission work.....	\$250 00
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*China.*

<i>Foochow</i> , Yeng Ping District.....	\$100 00
<i>West China</i> , Furniture.....	200 00
Five boarding pupils .....	125 00
Five orphans .....	125 00
<i>North China Tientsin</i> , Day schools .....	250 00

*Central China, Chin Kiang, Or-*

phans .....	\$40 00
Dispensary .....	250 00
<i>Wuhu</i> , Furnishing.....	130 00
Girls in school .....	50 00
School and house incidentals.....	162 00

Total for China..... \$1,432 00

*Italy.*

<i>Alexandria</i> , Bible-woman, Mrs. Stazi .....	\$250 00
<i>Medina</i> , Bible-woman, Mrs. Cruciani.....	250 00

Total for India..... \$500 00

*Mexico.*

<i>Mexico City</i> , Miss Loyd's salary.....	\$600 00
Contingent expenses.....	150 00
Spanish teacher.....	10 00
Matron and sewing teacher.....	600 00
Orphanage .....	480 00
Rent.....	250 00
<i>Leon or Silao</i> , Salary of teacher.....	360 00
School requisites and furniture.....	100 00
Rent .....	180 00
Bible-woman and supplies.....	100 00
<i>Puebla</i> , Bible-woman and supplies .....	100 00
Purchase of building.....	1,500 00
Extension of building.....	1,000 00

Total for Mexico..... \$5,520 00

Two ladies to be sent..... 2,500 00

Contingent..... 759 00

Grand Total..... \$21,000 00

## BALTIMORE BRANCH.

*India.*

<i>Dwara Hath</i> , Mrs. Whitby's salary .....	\$275 00
Mrs. Whitby's itinerating.....	60 00
Five village schools .....	155 00
Three Bible-readers .....	60 00
Eight pupils .....	164 00
<i>Naini Tal</i> , Native assisant work.....	225 00
Girls' school .....	84 00
Teacher and Bible-woman.....	50 00
Rent.....	21 00
Munshi .....	30 00
<i>Cawnpore</i> , Bible-woman .....	60 00
<i>Moradabad</i> , Miss Maggie Seymour .....	275 00
Orphans .....	195 00
Boarding school .....	500 00
<i>Bareilly</i> , Orphanage.....	300 00
Miss Kelly's salary .....	650 00
Bible-woman.....	60 00
Total.....	\$3,164 00

*South India.*

Miss Layton's return.....	\$500 00
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Total..... \$500 00

*China.*

<i>Foochow</i> , Miss Fisher's salary.....	\$600 00
Incidentals .....	150 00
Personal teacher.....	100 00
Boarding school .....	200 00
East St. Dispensary .....	300 00
East St. Deaconess.....	36 00

Three medical students.....	\$108 00
Day school, Ku Cheng district....	300 00
Total.....	\$1,794 00

*West China.*

Repairs and improvements in school.....	\$250 00
Fitting and furnishing.....	200 00
Ten pupils.....	250 00
Two orphans.....	125 00
Passage and outfit for a medical lady.....	2,000 00
Total.....	\$2,825 00

*Japan.*

Tokio, Day schools at Kamayene..	\$250 00
Bible-reader.....	50 00
Traveling expenses.....	40 00
Four scholarships.....	160 00
Yokohama, Bible-woman.....	50 00
Nagasaki, Miss Everding's salary.	600 00
Miss Everding's incidentals.....	150 00
Scholarships.....	200 00
Bible-woman.....	50 00
Total.....	\$1,550 00

*Mexico.*

Mexico City, Orphans.....	\$240 00
Miss Swancy's salary.....	600 00
Miss Swancy's incidentals.....	150 00
Expenses.....	30 00
Total.....	\$1,020 00

*Italy.*

Rome, Mrs. Mando.....	\$250 00
Total.....	\$250 00
Contingent.....	397 00
Grand total.....	\$11,500 00

## CINCINNATI BRANCH.

*India.*

Naini Tal, Building Fund.....	\$500 00
Pithoragarh, Miss Nickerson's salary.....	650 00
Girls' school.....	65 00
Plowmen \$75, cowherds \$45.....	120 00
Lucknow, Bible women.....	200 00
Conveyance.....	52 00
Repairs on Home for Friendless	250 00
Miss Thoburn's salary.....	650 00
Scholarships.....	150 00
Repairs on Boarding school....	167 00
Seetapore, Bible readers.....	400 00
Schools.....	280 00
Keeping horse \$75, repairs \$21...	96 00
Scholarships.....	125 00
Two teachers.....	125 00
Barabanki, Schools and Bible readers.....	285 00
Bijnour, Boarding school.....	185 00
Bareilly, Orphanage.....	600 00
Moradabad, New building.....	1,500 00
Miss De Vine's salary.....	650 00
Scholarships.....	150 00
Sha jenanpore, Girls' schools....	334 00
Bible readers.....	225 00

Assistants' salary.....	\$225 00
Conveyance.....	84 00
Pawayan, B. women and schools.	84 00
Tilhur, Bible women and schools.	84 00
Jalabad, B. Women and schools	84 00
Carwmpore, Dormitories.....	750 00
Salary of Miss Mansell.....	650 00
Salary of Miss Reed.....	650 00
Total for North India.....	\$10,320 00

*China.*

Foochow, Miss Jewell's salary....	\$600 00
Expenses contingent to work....	150 00
Boarding school.....	200 00
Teacher \$100, med. student \$100.	130 00
Hing Hua, Schools.....	300 00
Peking, Miss Sears' salary.....	600 00
Expenses contingent to work....	150 00
Teacher.....	75 00
Boarding school.....	120 00
Gate-keeper \$54; postage \$110 ..	164 00
Building.....	1,000 00
Wuhu, School building.....	500 00
West China, Repairs and improvements ..	250 00
Watchman \$34, gate-keeper \$34.	68 00
Orphans.....	75 00
Total for China.....	\$4,712 00

*Japan.*

Tokio, Scholarships.....	\$240 00
Miss Holbrook's Home salary ..	350 00
Fuel and lights.....	185 00
Repairs.....	150 00
Nagasaki, Miss Russell's salary..	600 00
Expenses contingent to work....	150 00
Teacher.....	100 00
Scholarships.....	600 00
Ground rent.....	275 00
Hakodati, One scholarship.....	40 00
Total for Japan.....	\$2,690 00

Corea.....	\$550 00
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*Bulgaria.*

Teacher.....	\$200 00
Total for Bulgaria.....	\$200 00

*Italy.*

Turin, Bible woman.....	\$150 00
Perugia, Bible woman.....	150 00
Total for Italy.....	\$300 00

*South America.*

Montevideo, Rent for schools.....	\$500 00
Buenos Ayres, School.....	200 00

Total for South America.....	\$700 00
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*Mexico.*

Mexico City, Orphanage.....	\$320 00
Orphanage teacher.....	275 00
Orphanage porter.....	63 00
Orphanage rent.....	250 00
Orizaba, Girls' school.....	300 00
Bible women and supplies.....	100 00
Furniture.....	75 00
Teacher.....	360 00
Rent.....	450 00



<i>Puebla</i> , Miss Warner's salary....	\$600 00
Expenses contingent to work....	150 00
Expenses to conference .....	30 00
Mexican assistants .....	550 00
Teacher .....	100 00
Furniture, etc .....	120 00
Porter \$100, water \$6 .....	106 00
Building .....	1,750 00
Miss Warner's return passage..	250 00
Total for Mexico.....	\$6,049 00
Contingent.....	479 00
Grand Total.....	\$26,000 00

## NORTHWESTERN BRANCH.

*North India.*

<i>Pnori</i> , Eight Orphans.....	\$240 00
<i>Dwara Hath</i> , Eight Scholarships.	164 00
Two teachers \$50, matron \$25 ..	75 00
Purchase of house for matron....	167 00
<i>Pithoragarh</i> , Salary of Miss Rowe	650 00
Farm manager at Home .....	50 00
Nine sch larships .....	180 00
<i>Bharbar</i> , Schools and Bible readers.	125 00
<i>Naini Tal</i> , School property .....	3,000 00
<i>Lucknow</i> , Salary of Miss Crawshaw.....	225 00
Building and repairs of Home for Homeless Women.....	200 00
Salary of Miss Singh.....	275 00
One scholarship .....	30 00
<i>Cawnpore</i> , One assistant.....	225 00
Dormitories.....	500 00
<i>Bijnour</i> , Twenty-five scholarships	275 00
One matron.....	60 00
Repairs on school building.....	150 00
Rent of Mission house .....	150 00
<i>Moradabad</i> , Twenty scholarships.	250 00
Land and school building .....	2,000 00
Salary of Mrs. Smith.....	250 00
Mrs. Gill's munshi .....	50 00
Itinerating.....	42 00
<i>Chandauli</i> , Schools and Bible reader .....	205 00
<i>Budaon</i> , Boarding school .....	60 00
Repairs and building.....	250 00
Bible reader .....	50 00
Conveyance .....	84 00
Itin-erating \$42, medicines \$42 ..	84 00
<i>Bareilly</i> , Matron.....	150 00
Twenty-one orphans .....	428 00
Salary of Miss Pannell.....	225 00
Assistant teacher.....	50 00
<i>Pahnapore</i> , School and Bible reader .....	125 00
Total .....	\$11,044 00

*South India.*

<i>Bombay</i> , Salary of Miss De Line	\$600 00
Incidentals .....	150 00
Current expenses .....	450 00
<i>Rangoon</i> , Building for school.....	1,000 00
Total .....	2,200 00
Total for India.....	\$13,244 00

*North China.*

<i>Peking</i> , Home in Peking.....	\$1,000 00
Boarding school, current expenses .....	100 00
<i>Tientsin</i> , Traveling expenses for general work .....	100 00
House furnishing .....	250 00
Hospital, current expenses.....	400 00
House Gate-keeper.....	54 00
Conveyance .....	50 00
Repairs and postage .....	150 00
Medical lady to be sent .....	1,500 00
<i>Ching Kiang</i> , Salary of Miss Robinson .....	600 00
Incidentals .....	150 00
House rent and repairs.....	550 00
Personal teacher .....	84 00
Four orphans .....	80 00
<i>Wuhu</i> , School building.....	300 00
Cloth ng. ....	1 0 00
Servants .....	44 00
Teachers and nurses .....	78 00
<i>Foochow</i> , Hospital expenses.....	400 00
Repairs .....	130 00
Insurance .....	25 00
Watchman .....	42 00
Salary of Dr. Corey.....	600 00
Incidentals .....	150 00
Passage to Japan on account of war .....	110 00
Boarding school.....	289 00
Water man .....	42 00
Insurance .....	32 50
Repairs .....	40 00
<i>Ing Chung</i> , Women's school .....	216 00
<i>Chung King</i> , Salary of Miss Wheeler .....	600 00
Incidentals .....	150 00
Salary of Miss Howe.....	600 00
Incidentals .....	150 00
Traveling expenses of Miss Howe to We-t China.....	1,100 00
Sum of exchange .....	319 50
Building .....	250 00
Infant's home.....	500 00
Three orphans.....	75 00

*Corea.*

(Provisional) .....	\$500 00
Total for China .....	11,931 00

*Japan.*

<i>Tokio</i> , Seventeen scholarships....	\$680 00
Two native teachers .....	300 00
One writing teacher.....	50 00
Ground rent .....	250 00
Tract and papers .....	50 00
<i>Hakodati</i> , Five scholarships .....	200 00
Teacher .....	140 00
<i>Yokohama</i> , Salary of Mrs. Van Peiton .....	600 00
Incidentals .....	150 00
Personal teacher .....	100 00
Traveling expenses of ladies and Bible-women .....	150 00
<i>Kanagawa</i> , Books, tracts, and paper .....	75 00
Watchman .....	60 00
<i>Nagasaki</i> , Five scholarships.....	260 00
Total for Japan .....	\$3,005 00

*Mexico.*

<i>Mexico City</i> , Postage and stationery.....	\$50 00
Internal-revenue stamps.....	30 00
Salary of Miss Wilson.....	480 00
Rent of house.....	400 00
Repairs and incidentals.....	100 00
School furniture.....	125 00
School books and stationery.....	200 00
Ten orphans.....	400 00
Bed and bedding.....	240 00
<i>Pachuca</i> , School.....	500 00
School supplies.....	100 00
Repairs.....	90 00
Care of garden.....	45 00
Porter.....	130 00
<i>Puebla</i> , Purchase of land.....	2,000 00
School building.....	1,500 00
Total for Mexico.....	\$6,390 00

*Bulgaria.*

<i>Loftcha</i> , Salary of Miss Schenck.....	\$600 00
Incidentals.....	150 00
Six scholarships.....	240 00
Rooms for servants and washing.....	300 00
Total for Bulgaria.....	\$1,290 00

*South America.*

<i>Rosario</i> , Salary of Miss Denning.....	\$600 00
Incidentals.....	150 00
Education of girls.....	250 00
Assistant teachers.....	250 00
<i>Buenos Ayres</i> , Salary of Miss Goodenough.....	600 00
Incidentals.....	150 00
Rent.....	200 00
Taxes.....	60 00
<i>Montevideo</i> , Salary of Miss Guelfi.....	600 00
Incidentals.....	150 00
Assistants.....	400 00
Rent.....	200 00
Furniture.....	350 00
Repairs.....	80 00
Total for South America.....	\$4,040 00

*Italy.*

<i>Rome</i> , Lady to be sent.....	\$700 00
Salary.....	600 00
Incidentals.....	150 00
Rent.....	200 00
Furniture.....	300 00
<i>Bologna</i> , Bible woman.....	250 00
Total for Italy.....	\$2,200 00

Grand total.....\$42,100 00

## DES MOINES BRANCH.

*India.*

<i>Bareilly</i> , Orphans.....	\$400 00
<i>Budawn</i> , Sigler boarding-school.....	205 00
<i>Bahraich</i> , Bible women and schools.....	234 00
<i>Data Gunje</i> .....	25 00
<i>Gonda</i> , Bible readers.....	100 00
Girls' school.....	45 00
Repairs on building.....	21 00
Keeping horse.....	70 00
<i>Lucknow</i> , Miss Blackmar's salary.....	650 00
Munshi assistance.....	50 00

Home for Homeless Women.....	\$250 00
<i>Moradabad</i> , Land and building for school.....	500 00
<i>Naini Tal</i> , English girls' boarding school.....	350 00
<i>Pithoragarh</i> , Salary for Miss Bud-den.....	300 00
Matron.....	35 00
<i>Paori</i> , Medical.....	42 00
Orphans.....	50 00
Total.....	\$3,327 00

*China.*

<i>Foochow</i> , Boarding school.....	\$200 00
<i>Hok Chiang</i> , District day school.....	450 00
Total.....	\$650 00

*North China.*

<i>Peking</i> , Scholarships.....	\$370 00
Matron.....	40 00
Current expenses of training school.....	300 00
Traveling expenses.....	150 00
Building Home.....	500 00
Total.....	\$1,360 00

*West China.*

<i>Chung King</i> , Repairs and improvements.....	\$500 00
Medical assistant.....	34 00
Total for China.....	\$2,544 00

*Japan.*

<i>Tokio</i> , One native teacher.....	\$125 00
Matron and sewing teacher.....	150 00
Medical attendance.....	125 00
Scholarships.....	200 00
<i>Nagasaki</i> , Three scholarships.....	120 00
<i>Hakodati</i> , Six scholarships.....	240 00
One teacher.....	140 00
Total.....	\$1,100 00

*Corea.*

Work in Corea.....	\$250 00
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*Mexico.*

<i>Mexico City</i> , Rent of house for school.....	\$250 00
Water tax.....	30 00
Orphans.....	280 00
Light and lamps.....	164 00
<i>Miraflores</i> , Rent.....	120 00
Building.....	250 00
<i>Guanajuato</i> , Mexican assistant.....	360 00
Rent of house.....	240 00
School furniture and requisites.....	100 00
Bible woman.....	110 00
<i>Puebla</i> , On building.....	1,000 00
Total.....	\$2,894 00

*South America.*

<i>Montevideo</i> , Assistant teacher.....	\$200 00
<i>Rosario</i> , Education of girls.....	134 00
Mrs. Turney's salary.....	500 00
Total.....	\$834 00

*Italy.*

<i>Turin</i> , Mrs. Marini.....	\$150 00
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*Bulgaria.*

<i>Loftcha</i> , Assistant No. 2.....	\$60 00
Bible-women.....	100 00
Total .....	\$160 00
Grand total.....	\$12,050 00

## MINNEAPOLIS BRANCH.

*India.*

<i>Paori</i> , Five orphans .....	\$90 00
<i>Pithoragarh</i> , Two teachers.....	55 00
Five girls .....	88 00
Repairs on building.....	42 00
<i>Naini Tal</i> , English school prop- erty.....	350 00
<i>Lucknow</i> , Assistant No. 2.....	225 00
Home for homeless.....	300 00
<i>Moradabad</i> , Building school.....	500 00
<i>Budaon</i> , Scholarships.....	280 00
Mrs. Goodwin's salary.....	250 00
Bible-reader .....	50 00
Munshi .....	25 00
<i>Colonel Gunge</i> , Two Bible-readers .....	70 00
Girls' school .....	90 00
<i>Bareilly</i> , Mrs. Johnson's salary..	225 00
Ten girls.....	170 00
Total for India.....	\$2,810 00

*China.*

<i>Peking</i> , Scholarship.....	\$30 00
Bible-woman .....	50 00

Total for China..... \$80 00

*Central China.*

<i>Ching Kiang</i> , Bible-reader.....	\$50 00
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*West China.*

Thirty pupils.....	\$20 00
Matron .....	34 00
Incidentals .....	50 00
Hymn-books, scripture.....	25 00
Building.....	250 00

Total for West China..... \$379 00

*Japan.*

<i>Tokio</i> , One scholarship.....	\$40 00
Native teacher.....	120 00
<i>Nagasaki</i> , Scholarship .....	40 00
<i>Hakodati</i> , Four scholarships.....	160 00

Total for Japan..... \$360 00

*South America.*

<i>Rosario</i> , Assistant teachers.....	\$250 00
Scholarship.....	50 00

Total for South America... \$300 00

*Mexico.*

<i>Puebla</i> , Miss Warner's building.....	\$250 00
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*Bulgaria.*

<i>Loftcha</i> , One scholarship.....	\$40 00
Two scholarships.....	40 00
Five day pupils.....	50 00
Third assistant teacher.....	20 00
Repairs and taxes.....	25 00
Postal.....	15 00

Total for Bulgaria..... \$190 00

Grand total. .... \$4,419 00

## TOPEKA BRANCH.

*India.*

<i>Paori</i> , Three girls.....	\$90 00
<i>Paori District</i> , Bible reader.....	20 00
<i>Pithoragarh</i> , Seven girls .....	120 00
<i>Naini Tal</i> , English girls' board- ing school .....	350 00
<i>Lucknow</i> , Bible reader .....	50 00
Keeping horses and conveyances .....	52 00
<i>Budaon</i> , Nine girls .....	205 00
<i>Bareilly</i> , Twenty-four girls .....	500 00
<i>Moradabad</i> , Land and building for school .....	500 00
<i>Kasgang</i> , Schools and Bible reader .....	50 00

Total for India..... \$1,937 00

*Japan.*

<i>Tokio</i> , Miss Watson's salary....	\$600 00
Incidentals.....	150 00
Teachers .....	100 00
Two scholarships.....	80 00
<i>Nagasaki</i> , Scholarship.....	40 00
<i>Hakodati</i> , Dr. Hamisfar's salary..	600 00
Teacher .....	60 00
Contingent .....	150 00
Four scholarships.....	140 00

Total for Japan..... \$1,920 00

*Corea.*

<i>Corea</i> .....	\$250 00
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*China.*

<i>Peking</i> , Tartar City day school ...	\$100 00
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*West China.*

<i>Chung King</i> , Repairs and improve- ments .....	\$250 00
Five boarding pupils .....	125 00
Teacher of school.....	67 00
Two orphans .....	50 00
<i>Foochow</i> , Deaconess.....	36 00
<i>Hok Chiung District</i> , Day schools .....	200 00
One deaconess.....	24 00

Total for China..... \$852 00

*Mexico.*

<i>Mexico City</i> , Rent of house.....	\$250 00
One orphan .....	80 00
Piano .....	280 00
<i>Ayapango</i> , Salary of teacher.....	180 00
School books and supplies.....	50 00
Furniture for new school-house .....	75 00
Mrs. Butler's traveling and post- age .....	30 00
Bible women and supplies.....	100 00
<i>Puebla</i> , Rebuilding in Puebla....	250 00

Total for Mexico ..... \$1,295 00

*South America.*

<i>Rosario</i> , Education of girls.....	\$66 00
<i>Buenos Ayres</i> , Rent.....	200 00

Total for South America..... \$266 00

*Italy.*

Bible reader, Stasia.....	\$160 00
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*Bulgaria.*

Scholarship.....	\$40 00
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Grand total..... \$6,820 00

## SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1884-1885.

BRANCHES.	India.	China.	Japan.	Corea.	Mexico.	South America.	Italy.	Bulgaria.	Continent.	TOTAL.
New England Branch...	\$8,531 00	\$5,713 00	\$2,560 00	\$925 00	\$2,620 00	\$1,550 00	\$150 00	\$280 00	\$331 00	\$23,500 00
New York Branch...	10 175 00	6,612 00	4,508 00	78 00	4,400 00	900 00	640 00	330 00	1,000 00	29,876 00
Philadelphia Branch...	6 894 00	1,432 00	3,095 00	250 00	5,520 00				500 00	21,000 00
Baltimore Branch...	3 894 00	4,019 00	1,550 00		1,050 00		250 00		307 00	11,500 00
Cincinnati Branch...	10,330 00	4,712 00	2,190 00	550 00	6,049 00	700 00	300 00	200 00	479 00	26,000 00
Northwestern Branch...	13 444 00	11,431 00	3,005 00	500 00	6,300 00	4,040 00	2,200 00	1,200 00		42,100 00
Des Moines Branch...	3 277 00	2,544 00	1,100 00	250 00	2,840 00	834 00	150 00	100 00	791 00	12,000 00
Minneapolis Branch...	2,810 00	509 00	300 00		250 00	300 00		100 00		4,410 00
Topeka Branch...	1,937 00	\$52 00	1,920 00	250 00	1,205 00	266 00	160 00	40 00		6,820 00
Total	\$81,015 00	\$37,034 00	\$24,178 00	\$3,303 00	\$30,438 00	\$8,550 00	\$4,350 00	\$2,400 00	\$3,597 00	\$177,215 00

## LIST OF REAL ESTATE BELONGING TO W. F. M. S.

INDIA.		
<i>Bijnour</i> .—School Building	\$3,000 00	7,000 00
<i>Bidoun</i> .—School Building		4,000 00
<i>Bareilly</i> .—Home (43 acres)	1,500 00	6,000 00
Hospital	9,000 00	12,000 00
Orphanage	3,000 00	
<i>Moradabad</i> .—School Building	2,000 00	
Home	3,500 00	4,000 00
<i>Lucknow</i> .—School Building	3,000 00	10,000 00
Home	7,300 00	9,000 00
Boarding House	2,300 00	9,000 00
Home for friendless	4,500 00	3,500 00
<i>Cawnpore</i> .—School Building	8,100 00	
Home	4,100 00	
<i>Poori</i> .—Orphanage	1,500 00	5,500 00
<i>Gonda</i> .—School Building	300 00	
<i>Amroha</i> .—Sanitarium	4,000 00	10,000 00
<i>Pithoragarh</i> .—Home for Friendless Women	1,500 00	
<i>Nainital</i> .—School Building	13,000 00	
CHINA.		
<i>Peking</i> .—Hospital	5,500 00	4,500 00
Home and School	7,976 00	\$183,436 00
Kiu King.—School Building and Home (Dispensary \$600)		
<i>Foochow</i> .—School Building		
Hospital		
<i>Tientsin</i> .—Hospital and Home		
WEST CHINA.		
<i>Chung King</i> .—Home and School		4,000 00
JAPAN.		
<i>Tokio</i> .—School Building		10,000 00
<i>Yokohama</i> .—Home and School		9,000 00
<i>Nagasaki</i> .—		9,000 00
<i>Tokohama</i> .—Memorial Home		3,500 00
MEXICO.		
<i>Pachuca</i> .—Home		5,500 00
SOUTH AMERICA.		
<i>Rosario</i> .—Home and School Building		10,000 00
BULGARIA.		
<i>Loftcha</i> .—Boarding School		4,500 00
Total		\$183,436 00

# CONSTITUTION

## OF THE

# WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

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### ARTICLE I.—NAME.

This Association shall be called "THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH."

### ARTICLE II.—PURPOSE.

The purpose of this Society is to engage and unite the efforts of Christian women in sending female Missionaries to women in the foreign Mission fields of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and in supporting them and native Christian teachers and Bible readers in those fields.

### ARTICLE III.—MEMBERSHIP.

The payment of one dollar annually shall constitute membership, and twenty dollars life membership. Any person paying one hundred dollars shall become an Honorary Manager for life, and the contribution of three hundred dollars shall constitute the donor an Honorary Patron for life.

### ARTICLE IV.—ORGANIZATION.

The organization of this Society shall consist of a General Executive Committee, Co-ordinate Branches, Auxiliary Societies, to be constituted and limited as laid down in subsequent articles.

### ARTICLE V.—GENERAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

**SECTION I.** The management and general administration of the affairs of the Society shall be vested in a General Executive Committee, consisting of the Corresponding Secretary and two delegates from each Branch, which delegates, together with two reserves, shall be elected at the Branch annual meetings, said meetings to be held within two months before the meeting of the General Executive Committee. Said committee shall meet at Boston, the third Wednesday in April, 1870, and annually or oftener thereafter, at such time and place as the General Executive Committee shall annually determine.

**SEC. 2.** The duties of the General Executive Committee shall be—

**I.** To take into consideration the interests and demands of the entire work of the Society, as presented in the reports of Branch Corresponding Secretaries, and in the estimate of the needs of Mission fields; to ascertain the financial condition of the Society; to appropriate its money in accordance with the purposes and method herein indicated; to devise means for carrying forward the work of the Society; fixing the amounts to be raised; employing new Missionaries, designating their fields of labor, examining the reports of those already employed, and arranging with the several Branches the work to be undertaken by each.

2. To appoint a committee, consisting of one from each Branch, to have charge of the Missionary paper of the Society, and to arrange for the publication of an annual report of the work of the Society.

3. To transact any other business that the interests of the Society may demand, provided all the plans and directions of the committee shall be in harmony with the provisions of the Constitution.

#### ARTICLE VI.—BRANCHES.

SECTION I. The organizations already formed at Boston, New York, Philadelphia, Chicago, and Cincinnati, shall be regarded as Co-ordinate Branches of this Society, on their acceptance of this relationship under the provisions of the present Constitution.

SEC. 2. Other Branches may be organized in accordance with the following general plan for districting the territory of the church:

Districts.	States.	Headquarters.
I.	New England States.....	Boston.
II.	New York and New Jersey.....	New York.
III.	Pennsylvania and Delaware.....	Philadelphia.
IV.	Maryland, District of Columbia and Virginia .....	Baltimore.
V.	Ohio, West Virginia, Kentucky, and Tennessee.....	Cincinnati.
VI.	Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, and Wisconsin.....	Chicago.
VII.	Iowa and Missouri .....	Des Moines.
VIII.	Minnesota, Dakota, Montana, Idaho, Washington Territory, and Oregon.....	Minneapolis.
IX.	Kansas, Nebraska, Colorado, and Wyoming.....	Denver.
X.	Arkansas, Mississippi, Louisiana, and Texas.....	New Orleans.
XI.	North Carolina, South Carolina, Alabama, Georgia, and Florida.....	Atlanta.
XII.	Pacific Coast.....	San Francisco.

This plan, however, may be changed by an affirmative vote of three-fourths of the members of the General Executive Committee present at any annual meeting of the same.

SEC. 3. The officers of each Branch Society shall consist of a President, not less than ten Vice-Presidents, a Recording Secretary, a Corresponding Secretary, a Treasurer, an Auditor, and not less than ten Managers. These, with the exception of Auditor, shall constitute an Executive Committee for the administration of the affairs of the Branch, nine of whom shall be a quorum for the transaction of business. These officers shall be elected at the annual meeting of the Branch, and shall continue in office until others are chosen in their stead.

SEC. 4. The President, or one of the Vice-Presidents, shall preside at all meetings of the Branch and of its Executive Committee.

The Recording Secretary shall notify all meetings of the Branch and of the Executive Committee, and shall keep a full record of the proceedings.



The Corresponding Secretary shall, under the direction of the Executive Committee, conduct the correspondence of the Society with foreign missionaries, with the other Branches, and with its Auxiliary Societies (hereinafter mentioned), and shall endeavor, by all practical means, to form Auxiliary Societies within the prescribed territory of the Branch. It shall also be her duty to present to the annual meeting of the General Executive Committee a report of the work of the Branch during the year, for publication in its annual report.

The Treasurer shall receive all contributions to the Branch, keeping proper books of account, and shall make such disposition of the funds as the Executive Committee may direct, each order of the committee being duly signed by the Corresponding Secretary.

SEC. 5. The Executive Committee shall have supervision of all the work assigned to the Branch by the General Executive Committee, and may order the disbursement of the funds required for that work, provide for all the wants, and receive all the reports of the Missionaries, Bible Women, and Teachers, who, by the plan of the General Executive Committee, are to be supported by the Branch.

SEC. 6. No Branch shall project new work or undertake the support of new Missionaries, except by the direction or with the approval of the General Executive Committee.

SEC. 7. Each Branch may make its own by-laws, regulating its meetings and those of its Executive Committee, also any others which may be deemed necessary to its efficiency, not inconsistent with this Constitution.

#### ARTICLE VII.—AUXILIARY SOCIETIES.

Any number of women who shall contribute not less than ten dollars annually may form a Society auxiliary to that Branch of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, within whose prescribed territorial limits they may reside, by appointing a President, three or more Vice-Presidents or Managers, a Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer, who together shall constitute a local Executive Committee.

#### ARTICLE VIII.—RELATION TO THE MISSIONARY AUTHORITIES OF THE CHURCH.

SEC. 1. This Society shall work in harmony with and under the supervision of the Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church. The appointment, recall, and remuneration of Missionaries, and the designation of their fields of labor, shall be subject to the approval of the Board of Managers of the Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and annual appropriations to Mission fields shall be submitted for revision and approval to the General Missionary Committee of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

SEC. 2. All Missionaries sent out by this Society shall labor under the direction of the particular Conferences or Missions of the Church in which

they may be severally employed. They shall be annually appointed by the President of the Conference or Mission, and shall be subject to the same rules of removal that govern the other Missionaries.

SEC. 3. All the work of the Woman's Society in foreign lands shall be under the direction of the Conferences or Missions, and their committees, in exactly the same manner as the work of the Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, the Superintendent or Presiding Elder having the same relation to the work and the person in charge that he would have were it in the charge of any other member of the Conference or Mission.

SEC. 4. The funds of the Society shall not be raised by collections or subscriptions taken during any of our church services, nor in any promiscuous public meetings, nor in any Sunday-schools, but shall be raised by such methods as the Constitution of the Society shall provide, none of which shall interfere with the contributions of our people and Sunday-schools for the treasury of the Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and the amount so collected shall be reported by the preacher in charge to the Annual Conference, and be entered in a column among the benevolent collections in the annual general minutes.

SEC. 5. Section 4 of this article shall not be so interpreted as to prevent the ladies from taking collections in ladies' meetings convened in the interest of their Societies, nor from securing memberships, life memberships, etc., in audiences where their work is represented, nor from holding festivals or arranging lectures in the interests of their work.

#### ARTICLE IX.—CHANGE OF CONSTITUTION.

This Constitution may be changed at any annual meeting of the General Executive Committee, by a two-thirds vote of each Branch delegation, notice of the proposed change having been given at the previous annual meeting; but Article VIII. shall not be changed except with the concurrence of the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

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### BY-LAWS OF THE GENERAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

I. The General Executive Committee shall convene not later than the last week in October.

II. The annual meetings of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church shall be held in such places as the said committee shall elect

III. The President and Corresponding Secretary of the Branch within whose precincts the meeting of the General Executive Committee is to be held, shall fix the exact date of the meeting of said committee, and arrange for the anniversary exercises.

IV. The Branch Corresponding Secretaries shall meet at least one day before the time of the meeting of the General Executive Committee, for the purpose of nominating the members of the standing committees, and planning work for its sessions, and report the same at the opening of said committee.

V. The Corresponding Secretary of the Branch within the bounds of which the committee convenes shall preside over its meetings until a permanent organization is effected.

VI. The order of business shall be as follows:

1. Calling the roll.
2. Election of President and Secretary.
3. Appointment of Standing Committees, *i. e.*, Committee on Publication, Committee on Finance, Committee on Application of Missionary Candidates, Committee on By-Laws.
4. Reports of Corresponding Secretaries.
5. Report of Committee of Reference.
6. Report of Constitutional Committee on *Heathen Woman's Friend*.
7. Reports of Official Correspondents and presentation of information from foreign work.
8. Memorials, petitions and estimates.
9. Fixing place of next meeting.
10. Notices of constitutional amendments.
11. Miscellaneous business.
12. Reports of Standing Committees daily, immediately after reading of minutes.

VII. The rules of order shall be as follows:

1. Each session shall open and close with devotional exercises.
2. All resolutions to be discussed shall be presented in writing.
3. All ladies speaking shall rise when they address the Chair.
4. No member shall be granted leave of absence except by a vote of the entire body.

VIII. It shall be the duty of the Recording Secretary of the General Executive Committee to forward to our foreign treasurers, as soon as practicable after adjournment, a copy of the appropriations for each Mission.

IX. The Secretary of each meeting of the General Executive Committee shall keep a full record of all proceedings, and enter them upon a suitable book of record, which shall be deposited in the safe of the *Heathen Woman's Friend*, and shall be transmitted to the next meeting of the General Executive Committee by the Corresponding Secretary of the New England Branch.

X. A committee of two shall be appointed by the General Executive Committee to edit and publish a full report of the work of the Society as soon as practicable after the adjournment of said committee.

## BY-LAWS OF THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

## I.—BRANCH CORRESPONDING SECRETARIES.

1. The Branch Corresponding Secretaries shall superintend all the interests of their respective Branches; conduct the correspondence of the Society with foreign Missionaries; be present at all Branch quarterly meetings, and present a quarterly report of the work of the Branch, and give to the public, or direct to be given, all communications and plans of the business of their respective Branches.

2. Each Corresponding Secretary shall be required to furnish in her report to the General Executive Committee the following items: Number of Auxiliary Societies, members, life members, honorary patrons and managers, subscribers to the *Heathen Woman's Friend*, and the receipts of the treasurer. In her report of the foreign work she shall include the number of Missionaries, Bible readers, boarding schools, and orphans supported by her Branch.

## II.—BRANCH TREASURERS.

1. Branch Treasurers shall be required to publish each month in the *Heathen Woman's Friend* their report of moneys received. They shall forward the appropriations immediately after the close of the General Executive Committee, according to the appropriations for the next year, sending them directly to the Foreign treasurers.

2. The financial year of the Society shall commence October 1. Branch Treasurers shall close their accounts for the year by September 30, as nearly as possible.

3. The money received from annual memberships shall not be used to make life members, honorary managers, or honorary patrons. Life memberships shall be made by the payment of twenty dollars, given specifically for that purpose. If in instalments, the final payment shall be made as soon as practicable, and the membership reported as complete only when that has been done; all instalments to be credited on the Treasurer's book, and acknowledged in the *Heathen Woman's Friend*.

4. In case any Branch is unable to meet the obligations it has assumed, any other Branch may, by the action of its Executive Board, be permitted to use its surplus funds in aid of the Branch deficient.

5. Any bequest or donation made to the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society shall be paid to the Treasurer of the Branch within whose territory the bequest or donation is made, unless otherwise specified by the donor.

## III.—FOREIGN TREASURERS.

1. Our foreign treasurers shall forward their estimates, properly approved, to the Corresponding Secretary of the New York Branch, that she may present them to the authorities of the General Missionary Society for their action, on or before the first of October.

2. The Treasurers in the foreign fields are instructed to make their financial reports to the Branch Corresponding Secretaries.

3. The Treasurers in the foreign fields are requested to forward promptly receipts for moneys received to the Branch Treasurers and Corresponding Secretaries.

4. The salary of our Missionaries shall be paid in foreign fields on the basis of American gold.

5. The funds of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society shall be entirely under the control of the General Executive Committee, to be used only for the purposes designated by that committee.

6. If any surplus funds remain in the foreign treasuries from unused appropriations, exchange, or any other source, they must be reported to the Branches from whose moneys they accrue.

#### IV—OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENTS.

The Branch Corresponding Secretaries shall correspond with the Missionaries, so as to be able to present a full report of the work in each Mission, such information to be presented to the General Executive Committee, the fields assigned to the several Secretaries to be arranged by themselves.

#### V.—THE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE.

1. The Committee of Reference shall be composed of the Branch Corresponding Secretaries.

2. It shall meet immediately after the adjournment of the General Executive Committee, and organize by the election of a Chairman and Secretary.

3. All cases of emergency that would come before the General Executive Committee, arising in the interim of its sessions, shall be submitted to this Committee, and decided by a majority vote.

4. The chairman shall send each resolution that is submitted to the committee to each member, and when all have returned their votes, she shall declare the result, and order the secretary to record both resolution and votes.

5. The committee shall present a full report of its action during the year to the General Executive Committee for approval and permanent record.

#### VI.—INSTRUCTIONS TO MISSIONARIES.

We call the attention of the Missionaries of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society especially to Article VIII, Section 3, of Constitution, in compliance with which they will consult the superintendent of the mission in which they are laboring on all general plans of their work, and advise with him as to the most effective measures to be taken in the purchase of property, building, and any important undertaking belonging to their special interest.

1. They are expected to attend the annual meeting or conference of their mission, that they may confer with the other members of the mission upon all topics connected with their own department, and will report quarterly to the superintendent.

2. They will be expected to devote their entire time and attention to their legitimate work, as all their temporal necessities will be provided for by the Society.

3. They are required to send annual and quarterly reports to the Corresponding Secretary having charge of their work, and the action of the General Executive Committee will be communicated to them through that secretary or the correspondent appointed for their field by said committee, and no other instructions are to be considered as official.

4. They, with the wives of Missionaries who labor in the interest of the Society, shall constitute a committee to prepare, at each session of the conference or annual meeting of the Missionaries, the estimates for the ensuing year, which estimates shall have the sanction of said conference or annual meeting before being forwarded to the General Executive Committee.

5. They shall incur no expense during the year to be met by this Society for which the estimate has not previously been submitted to and approved by the General Executive Committee at its annual meeting.

6. They shall credit to the Society all donations received for the support of their work, and annually report the same with their financial statement.

7. All solicitations for funds for special work must be made through the proper official authorities, and Missionaries are instructed not to apply to private sources for aid for support of their work.

8. A Medical Missionary shall be accountable to the Branch from which she is sent. She shall keep an itemized account of all receipts and disbursements; such receipts may be used for necessary expenses in her medical work, any surplus being remitted to the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, and her medical outfit shall be the property of the same.

9. If there prove to be a manifest unfitness for Missionary labor, the General Executive Committee may cancel its obligations to a Missionary whom it has appointed, three months' notice having been given to such appointee by the Committee of Reference, return passage to be paid by the Society, provided she return at the expiration of the three months.

10. A lady Missionary desiring her expenses paid by the Society, for a return home from any other cause than that of ill health, must secure permission from the General Executive Committee or Committee of Reference through the Corresponding Secretary of the Branch supporting her.

11. All rules pertaining to the relations of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church with its Missionaries shall be published in the General Annual Report.

12. The Corresponding Secretaries of the Branch by which any Missionary is sent shall be required to sign the following contract: I, ———, Corresponding Secretary of ——— Branch, by which the money is raised for the support of ———, agree on the part of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, to pay the traveling expenses of ——— from the time of her leaving home to that of her arrival in her field of labor, and also her salary from the



latter date. In case of illness, I agree, on the part of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, to submit a resolution to the General Executive Committee, or in the interim of its sessions, to the Committee of Reference, asking the privilege of her return home. Such permission being granted, I agree to pay her return passage; and if she expresses her intention to return to foreign missionary work, her salary for the first year at the rate of \$350. In case she declines to return, at the rate of \$300 per year.

In case of emergency demanding her immediate return home, she shall bring a certificate of disability from a physician and the superintendent of the Mission.

13. We agree to pay our Missionaries \$200 for personal outfit, and \$100 for the furnishing of the home, the latter to be the property of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.

14. Each returned Missionary shall be expected to attend the first General Executive Committee session after her return, and her traveling expenses to and from the place of meeting shall be met by the Branch supporting her.

15. We accept the relation of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society to the authorities of the church and to our workers in the field, as interpreted by the delegated conference in India in their session of 1881, as follows:

#### OFFICIAL RELATION OF LADY MISSIONARIES.

WHEREAS, Certain usages having grown up and been found acceptable and successful in connection with our older Mission fields in India, we deem it expedient to formulate the same in the following rules:

1. In general: The position of a lady Missionary placed in charge of work in connection with any of our circuits or stations is the same as that of a second Missionary or "junior preacher" to whom special work is assigned.

2. In particular: The general plans of work, such as establishing new schools, employing and dismissing head teachers, arranging terms of tuition, board, etc., and preparing a course of study, when these matters are not fixed by trustees of an Educational Committee, selecting classes of people among whom work may most successfully be carried on, arranging dispensaries and deciding the proportion of medical work to be given to natives and Europeans, Christians and non-Christians, etc., all such *general plans* shall be arranged by the lady in charge of the special department of work, after free consultation with Superintendent or Presiding Elder.

3. The lady Missionary in charge of work has full liberty to do the work assigned her in her own way, and to carry out the internal arrangements of her department in the manner which she deems best adapted to secure success.

4. The relation of the Superintendent or Presiding Elder to the work under the charge of a lady is the same as it would be were it in charge of a Member of Conference—he having a general advisory supervision, auditing the accounts (when not done by trustees), making suggestions, etc., exactly as with all the other work of his district.

5. Lady Missionaries in charge of work, and all Missionaries of the

Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, are appointed by the President of Conference, at the same time and in the same manner that the appointments of Conference are made. Should, however, a President of Conference at any time decline so to appoint, the Superintendent or Presiding Elders in Council will arrange the same.

6. All new buildings and expensive repairs or changes shall receive the sanction of Superintendent or Presiding Elder, even though no appropriation of money be asked.

7. A class of laborers are employed in our work, known as "assistants." In the employment or dismissal of these ladies, the consent of the Superintendent of Mission or of the Presiding Elder must be secured. They may be transferred by the Presiding Elder, with the consent of the lady in charge of the department in which they are employed. When these lady assistants, being members of our church, by several years of faithful service, have come to be received as belonging permanently to our body of laborers, they may, on the recommendation of the Ladies' Society, when such exists, or by a quarterly Conference, be formally recognized by Conference, and appointed the same as lady Missionaries are.

8. In case of a transfer of a lady Missionary or an "assistant" from one Conference or charge to another, a written permission shall be secured, signed by Superintendent or Presiding Elder in whose jurisdiction the person may be employed, when, according to the condition in Rule 7, the engagement may be completed.

#### VII.—HEATHEN WOMAN'S FRIEND.

1. The paper of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society shall be known as the *Heathen Woman's Friend*.

2. Its editor and agent shall be elected annually by the General Executive Committee.

3. In the interim of the sessions of the General Executive Committee, the management of the paper shall be under the control of the Publication Committee provided by the Constitution.

#### VIII.—CONSTITUTIONAL PUBLICATION COMMITTEE.

1. This committee shall be composed of the Branch Corresponding Secretaries.

2. It shall meet and organize immediately after the adjournment of the General Executive Committee, by the election of a Chairman and Secretary.

3. The agent of the *Heathen Woman's Friend* shall give the Chairman an itemized report of the receipts and expenditures of the paper, properly audited, by the 1st of October, and another six months thereafter. If she finds it necessary to deviate from the published instructions of the General Executive Committee, she shall lay the matter before this committee, and be subject to its direction.

4. The agent of the *Heathen Woman's Friend* shall commence and close her financial year with October 1.

5. If the office of editor or agent becomes vacant during the year, this committee shall have power to fill the vacancy.

6. The traveling expenses of the editor of the *Heathen Woman's Friend*, and of the editor of leaflets, to and from the sessions of the General Executive Committee, shall be paid from the funds of the *Heathen Woman's Friend*.

7. This committee shall meet prior to each session of the General Executive Committee, and report to that body the work of the year.

8. These By-Laws may be amended at any meeting of the General Executive Committee, by a two-thirds vote of the members present.

## SOME BOOKS SUITABLE FOR REFERENCE AND USE IN AUXILIARIES

Protestant Foreign Missions, Theodore Christleib, D. D., Ph. D., Congregational Publishing House, Boston.

Christ and other Masters, Archdeacon Hardwick.

Comparative History of Religions, by J. C. Moffatt.

Christianity and Islam, by Rev. R. N. Stephens.

The Mohammedan Missionary Problem, by Rev. H. Jessup.

Ten Great Religions of the World, Rev. J. Freeman Clark.

Lectures on Missions, Max Muller.

Missionary Life Among the Villages of India, by Rev. T. J. Scott, Walden & Stowe, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Go or Send, Dr. A. Haygood.

Our Oriental Missions, Bishop Thompson.

Round the World, Bishop Kingsley.

Our Next Door Neighbor. Mexico. Bishop Haven.

Problem of Religious Progress, Daniel Dorchester, D. D.

Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church, by Rev. J. M. Reid, D. D., Phillips & Hunt, New York.

Medical Work of Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, by Mrs. J. T. Gracey, Rochester.

Historical Sketches of Woman's Missionary Societies in England and America, Mrs. L. H. Daggett, Boston.

A Woman's Talk About India, by Miss H. G. Brittan, American S. S. Union.

Women of the Orient, by Rev. Ross C. Houghton, Walden & Stowe.

Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the M. E. Church, by Mrs. Mary Sparks Wheeler, Phillips & Hunt, New York.

My Missionary Apprenticeship, by Rev. J. M. Thoburn, D. D., Phillips & Hunt, New York.

Heerah, by Mrs. E. J. Humphrey, Long & Putnam, Boston, Mass.

Land of the Veda, by Rev. William Butler, Phillips & Hunt, New York.

The Orient and Its People, by Mrs. I. L. Hauser, I. L. Hauser & Co., Milwaukee.

China, by Rev. J. T. Gracey.

India, by Rev. J. T. Gracey.

India Missionary Directory and Memorial Volume, Rev. B. H. Badley.

To the East by Way of the West, Bishop Marvin.

Self Giving, by W. F. Bainbridge. \$1.50.

"A Grain of Mustard Seed;" or, the District Secretary's Letter. 10 cts.

Wayside Teachings (in India). 5 cts.

Woman's Work in the Zenanas of India, Mrs. Gracey, Rochester, N. Y.  
Single copy, 10 cts.; \$1.00 per dozen.

#### PERIODICALS, ETC.

*Heathen Woman's Friend.* Mrs. Wm. F. Warren, Editor. This paper is published monthly by the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church. The editor's address is 329 Broadway, Cambridgeport, Mass. Names of subscribers, and communications concerning the business, should be addressed to the agent, Miss P. J. Walden, 36 Bromfield street, Boston. Terms, 50 cents per annum, in advance.

Fifteenth General Annual Report of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church. To be obtained through Branch corresponding secretaries.

#### LEAFLETS.

Three million six hundred thousand pages have been distributed during the last six years. Committee of Publication: Mrs. J. T. Gracey, Chairman, Rochester, New York. To be obtained through Branch corresponding secretaries.

#### MISSIONARY PERIODICALS.

Gospel in All Lands, an invaluable undenominational missionary magazine. Each month devoted to a different country or mission field. Eugene Smith, Baltimore.

Advocate of Missions. M. E. Church South, Nashville, Tenn.

Baptist Missionary Magazine.

Woman's Work for Woman. 1334 Chestnut street, Philadelphia.

Children's Work for Children.

Our Mission Field, Presbyterian Church.

The Foreign Missionary.

Missionary Tidings.

Spirit of Missions, Episcopal.

Missionary Review, Princeton, Dr. Nieder.

Missionary Link, W. U. M. S.

Missionary Helper, Free Baptist.

Friends' Mission Advocate, 50 cents per annum. Address, 56 Wabash avenue, Chicago.

Life and Light, Congregational, Boston, Mass.

Missionary Herald, American Board.

Lutheran Missionary Journal.

Methodist Protestant Missionary.

Helping Hand Baptist.

Indian Witness, Calcutta, India.

Woman's Work in China, Shanghai, China.

#### MAP OF INDIA, CHINA, BURMAH AND JAPAN.

The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church has issued an Outline Map, on cloth (size, 5 by 6 feet), of China, Japan and India, with adjacent regions.

The prominent stations occupied by this Society are marked in good, bold letters, so that they may be read across a large room. Many other points are in somewhat smaller letters. Besides this Outline Map, showing the large stations occupied by the Methodist Episcopal Church in Asia, there is a smaller map (inlet) on the corner of the larger one, showing in fuller detail stations and sub-stations of the North India Conference. This map will be sent post-paid to any address for the sum of two dollars.

Certificates of Life Membership can be obtained from the Branches through which the money is paid. Address, Miss P. J. Walden, 36 Bromfield street, Boston, Mass.

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## RULES AND PRONUNCIATION.

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### PRONUNCIATION OF INDIAN NAMES FURNISHED BY MISS THOBURN.

I find it difficult to give the pronunciation of Indian names in English, as requested, because some of the sounds can not well be indicated by the spelling. A few rules may be helpful, not only in pronouncing the names already given, but those that may occur in letters and reports hereafter.

A has two sounds, a short like u in tub, and a long as in far.

E has the continental sound, like the long e in there.

I is short as in sit, and long when accented, as i in machine.

O is always long, as in no.

U short as in full, and ú long as in rule.

Ai as i in mice.

Au as ou in our.

The syllable containing the long vowel is always accented. If there are no long vowels in a word, or if all are long, the syllables have equal quantity.

There is some difficulty in applying these rules, because the long vowel is

not often printed with the accent in our reports, and so cannot be distinguished from the short, and because some names are spelled in English, and some in Roman-Urdu.

The stations mentioned in our Indian Mission report of this year are pronounced, as nearly as they can be spelled, as follows:

Kamá on	Kamáw,an	Badá on	Badown
Naint, Tal	Nynee Tall	Bilsí	Bilsee
Bhábar	Bhaw-bar	Kakraulf	Kukroulee
Dwára Háth	Dwara Haut	Ghotá	Ghota
Garhwál	Gurhwall	Bissoulf	Bissoulee
Srínagar	Sree-nuggur	Saiswán	Sicewan
Pithoragarh	Pithora Gurh	Ujainí	Ujiney
Rohilcund	Rohilcund	Data Ganj	Data Gunje
Bijnúr	Bijnour	Oudh	Ou as in our
Morádabád	Morad'abad'	Laknau	Lucknow
Chandousí	Chundowseé	Kánpur	Cawnpoor
Amroha	Umroha	Ráí Barelf	Roy Barailly
Sambhal	Sumbhul	Bárabankí	Bara-bunkee
Barelf	Barailly	Sítápúr	Seetapoor
Philibít	Philibeet	Hardú,í	Hur-doo-ee
Aunla	Onnla	Gonda	Goanda
Fathganj	Futhagunje	Nawábganj	Nawáb-gunje
Khera Bajhera	Khaira Bajhaira	Baraich	Baraich
Shá,ajahánpúr	Shah'-jehan'-poor		

RULES FOR PRONOUNCING WORDS IN THE FOOCHOW DIALECT, FURNISHED  
BY MRS. DR. BALDWIN.

a has the sound of a in far.	ó has the sound of aw.
á " " a in fat.	u " " oo in fool.
e " " a in play.	ë has a guttural sound, like oe in Goethe.
é " " e in met.	ü has the sound of the French u in l'üne.
i " " i in machine.	au " " ow in cow.
í " " i in pin.	ai " " i in kind.
o " " o in bone.	

Hok-chiang	Hoke-cheang	Sia Sek ong	See-ah Sake ong
Ku-cheng	Koo-cheng	Lí Chá Mi	Lee Chá Me
Tiong-lók	Teong-lock	Kiu-Kiang	Kew-keang
Hü Pá Mi	Hü Paw Me	Wong Ting Ai	Wong Ting Eye
Li Yu Mi	Lee Yoo Me		

It is almost invariably correct to accent on the last syllable of the name of a place.

JAPAN.

Nagasaki	Nang-a-sä'-kee	Kiushiu	Qú-shoo
Tsukiji*	Skee-gee	Liu Kiu	Loo-choo
Tsurunga	Suroong'-gä	Yezo	Yes'-so
Shikoku	She-kó-ku	Dai	Dye
Kawatsei Sui (Quassui) Jo Gokke.		Name of Nagasaki School.	

\* "Ts" has German "z" sound.



## PRONUNCIATION OF SPANISH NAMES FURNISHED BY MRS. REV. D. KEMBLE.

Puebla	Pwāblā	Rosario	Rō-sār-i ō
Leon	Layon	Montevideo	Montā-vid-ā-ó
Miraflores	Mee-rah-flór-es	Buenos Ayres	Bwā-nos ayres
Queretaro	Ker-é tar-a	Orizaba	O-rē-gā-vā
Real	Rā-āl	Pachuca	Pā-choo kā
Del Monte	Dēl món-tā	Silao	Sē-lā-ō
Ayapango	Ay a pán go	San Juan	Sān-hwán
Guanajuato	Gwan-a-hwáto		

Dr. Maclay and others spell Corea with a K, which is doubtless correct, but common usage makes it Corea. Seoul, the capital of the country, is pronounced as if it were spelled Say-ole.

## FORMS FOR WILL AND DEVISE.

Special attention is called to the following new form of Bequest and Devise required by the incorporation of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society :

## NEW FORM OF BEQUEST.

I hereby give and bequeath to "The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church," incorporated under the Laws of the State of New York ..... Dollars, to be paid to the Treasurer of said Society, whose receipt shall be a sufficient acquittance to my executors therefor.

## FORM OF DEVISE OF REAL ESTATE.

I hereby give and devise to "The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church" [describe land, etc., intended to be given to the Society], and to their successors and assigns forever.

NOTE.—Prompt notice of all bequests and devises should be given to the corresponding secretary of the Branch within which the donor resides.

## COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE.

The Corresponding Secretaries of the several branches constitute a Committee of Reference, of which Mrs. W. B. Skidmore, No. 230 West Fifty-ninth street, New York, is Chairman, and Mrs. B. R. Cowen, Delaware, Ohio, is Secretary.

All communications to be brought before the WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY in the interim of the General Executive Committee must be addressed to the Chairman of the Committee. All estimates to be presented to the General Executive Committee meeting in November should be forwarded to her in advance, sanctioned by the proper authorities in the mission field.

## SUGGESTIONS.

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\* The great want of all Christian work is more consecration to the Lord Jesus Christ for service under His banner. Could the ninety-three thousand women enlisted in the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society realize this, and be "baptized with this baptism," what a mighty impetus would be given to the work they have undertaken. For this earnest, united prayer should go up from every one called to be co-workers with Him in the great plan of the world's redemption. With prayer as the leading factor, increasing power to work successfully will surely follow.

A few hints on promoting interest in the Auxiliaries may not be out of place. Regular monthly meetings for the specific object of the Society should be held. Union with any other church interest will weaken both. To be effective, we must make our efforts direct.

Every Auxiliary should have an agent who will see that the *Heathen Woman's Friend* is taken by every member. This can be done by some labor and self-denial, but in no better way can a growing interest be kept up. In each household should be placed a mite-box to "gather up the fragments," and to be a silent monitor to self-denial and systematic giving. A Bureau of Exchange could be arranged in each district for the interchange of intelligence, plans of work, missionary letters, etc. Each Auxiliary should own a map, and also some books suitable for reference will be found very helpful. Dr. Gracey's "India" and "China," and Mrs. Gracey's "Medical Work" should be in every Auxiliary, if not in every home. Keep the young people interested. It is an easy task, and will richly repay effort. Personal effort on the part of each member would largely increase the list of members.

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## NOTES.

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The *Samurai* class, so often spoken of in our reports from Japan, were in the dynasty which was overthrown in 1867, the military class, or gentry, who were permitted to wear two swords, and were recognized as the first of the four classes into which the whole population was divided. They are now mostly poor, but are recognized as the leading force in Japan. Their thinkers, military leaders and literary men, are principally from this class, and to win them to Christ will change the whole aspect of Missionary effort in Japan.

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It is only sixty years since the Gospel was introduced into Madagascar. For the first forty years fierce persecution, in which thousands suffered martyrdom, kept back its progress. Now it is governed by a Christian Queen, and can show the following results :

At a recent conference on Christian life and work, held at Glasgow, the following most interesting statement was made with regard to the work of the

London Missionary Society in Madagascar. In the year 1883 there were in the island 1,200 churches, with about 80,000 communicants. All the churches are self-supporting, and in 1882 they gave £4,000 for Missions. Within the last fourteen years they have built 700 churches, which are all clear of debt. In 1862 there were twenty native pastors, there are now 600. There are twenty-nine European Missionaries in the island, but they are not engaged as pastors of native congregations. They act as superintendents, each having some forty congregations under him.—*Missionary Record*.

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#### SECRET DISCIPLES.

Rev. J. H. Gill, in a recent number of the *Indian Witness*, tells of two men, advanced in years, acquaintances of the same caste, who met at his house as religious inquirers. "I noticed when No. 1 came in, he wondered to see No. 2. When the Bible lesson was over, each looked to see what the other would do. They both kneeled and bowed their heads reverently. After the prayer they greeted each other with expressions of joy. One man had secretly read the Bible and prayed in his family for years. A severe sickness brought the decision to confess God openly. The other man had also abandoned idolatry. Yet, though intimate acquaintances, they were ignorant of the secret life of each other. The influence at work in the minds of these men has lasted for years. It was not seen by casual observers, but now it has ripened into fruit which is seen. Numbers of respectable people in India have heard and believed, and will make known their belief, as these have done, openly. Not only two, but hundreds and thousands will meet one another and unite in acknowledging Jesus Christ as the only and true Savior, and as their personal Redeemer. And a nation will be born in a day.

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#### "ACCORDING TO THEIR FAITH."

In November, 1881, a few members of the China Inland Mission came together and agreed to pray that *seventy* new Missionaries might be sent them before the close of 1884. These prayers have been fully answered, and the last party has left England, making *over* seventy additional workers for this Mission.—*Heathen Woman's Friend*.

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The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Society of Friends, with its standard bearer, the *Friends Missionary Advocate*, is warmly welcomed into the fellowship of co-laborers in the world-embracing work of sending the Gospel to heathen lands. Some of their work is done through our Society, and while rejoicing in the oneness of the work that makes such union possible, we shall rejoice with them in the time soon coming, when, as a denomination under the banner of King Immanuel, they shall push their conquests to the uttermost parts of the earth.

OUR sisters of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, have appropriated for the current year \$54,240—\$15,367 more than the receipts for the previous year (\$38,073). Six new Missionaries will join the ten already in the various mission fields. The *Woman's Missionary Advocate* has 10,000 subscribers, and 88,000 leaflets have been issued. The Society is laying a broad foundation and planning wisely for the future.—*Heathen Woman's Friend*.

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THE *Missionary Outlook* says that three fourths of the Bibles shipped from New York to foreign mission stations go to Mexico and South America. "After the Bible has been so long prohibited in these nominally Christian lands, this is a great triumph."

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#### A STRIKING CONTRAST.

The weakest thing about modern disbelief is, that while it talks loftily, it is positively helpless in the midst of sorrow and suffering. Mr. Conway has recently confessed his feeling of despair for India, and this despair is characteristic of all men of his class. The world is full of suffering, broken hearts are everywhere, and we have no patience with the man, or the creed, or the party which cannot tell how to heal a broken heart, or how to grapple with the tremendous forces of evil at work in the world. Modern disbelief is helpless here. It can do nothing, absolutely nothing. It knows of no healing balm, it has no Gilead in its geography, and no physician enrolled among its worthies. Mr. Conway can talk about slavery and freedom, about the bondage and the freedom of the soul, and other lofty subjects; but the practical art of making a dark home bright, a sad heart happy, a sinful life pure, a despairing soul hopeful, is wholly unknown to him. He passed through India, and left not one trace behind him, save a few mournful touches of his pen, dark as the ink in which its point was dipped. A few years before his visit an uneducated African woman, a converted washerwoman, visited India, and traveled all over the Empire. She was a servant of Jesus Christ, and went everywhere in His name. The man of genius and literary fame came and went again, and no living soul is better for his coming or going. The washerwoman has left a tracery of light in every place which she visited. Men and women are better, and homes and hearts brighter, because of her coming. Faith, Hope and Love were her guiding stars, and her brief sojourn in India was a benediction to scores and hundreds. Moncure D. Conway lives to show how useless a gifted man may be in the midst of the world's crying need; Amanda Smith lives to illustrate the power of Christian faith to make the humble little ones of the Kingdom put to shame the mighty. Faith transcends genius, and makes "a little one become a thousand."—*Indian Witness*.

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"LET the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us: and establish Thou the work of our hands upon us; yea, the work of our hands establish Thou it."

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FOR THE YEAR 1885.

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*And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold; them, also, I must bring, and they shall hear my voice, and there shall be one fold and one shepherd.*—JOHN x:16.

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## Meeting of General Executive Committee.

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The sixteenth annual meeting of the General Executive Committee of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society met in the M. E. Church in Evanston, Ill., October 28th, 1885, and continued in session eight days. In many ways the meeting was a notable one. The increased collections, the growing zeal and faith manifested in the reports from the home work, and the rapid expansion and spiritual growth abroad, the Macedonian cry from new fields, and the unexpected and unsolicited gifts that made an answer possible, the providential opening of the training school for missionaries, the harmony that characterized all the business meetings, and the rich spiritual feasts enjoyed in the devotional meetings, made the meeting a memorable one. Earnest women met in that committee; women whose faith appropriated the promises of God, and whose success was the earnest of that faith. Nankin and Singapore were added to the mission fields already entered, and that through the generosity of two of God's stewards; may the number of such increase! Fourteen missionaries are to be sent out in the coming year, and an advance made in all our mission fields. All that a cordial welcome, generous hospitality, sympathy in interest and loving co-operation could add to the meeting, was given most freely, and will be recalled in many pleasant memories.



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In a recent address on Woman's Work, Bishop Hurst said : "The history of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society is a romance." It is the romance of reality. A romance that makes women

"Go to many a tropic isle  
In the bosom of the deep,  
Where skies forever smile  
And the oppressed forever weep."

It is a romance that is not to end till in every land it shall be true, that woman

"So dear, so sorrowed o'er  
With all her load of misery and sin,  
After long ages of transgression, torn  
And pierced in heart with love-shatts of the King,  
Fall down and bathe His blessed feet with tears :  
Then rise, and to the listening world tell out  
Her deep repentance and her new-found joy !"

The record of another year of this rare reality, this spiritual romance and its practical work, is now closed. We have come up not merely to enumerate our successes, but mainly to look over the fields where the Society is laboring, to touch our hearts with world-wide sympathies, to unite our voices in thanksgiving for all the way the Lord hath led us, and to plan more largely for the extension of the Redeemer's Kingdom.

## HOME WORK.

The Home Work is represented by 3,760 Auxiliary Societies, and 97,647 members, showing an increase over last year of 357 societies, and 3,361 members. About one hundred and fifty Young Ladies' Societies and Mission Bands have been formed, and more than six hundred new life members have been added.

The Treasury, that great barometer of missionary work, has risen to a point never before attained, thus enabling all the Branches to meet their financial obligations. The contributions from October 1st, 1884, to October 1st, 1885, have been as follows :

New England Branch.....	\$ 25,286 07
New York           ".....	27,836 41
Philadelphia       ".....	15,057 05
Baltimore           ".....	7,618 77
Cincinnati         ".....	23,103 99
North Western      ".....	36,398 32
Des Moines          ".....	9,584 05
Minneapolis        ".....	5,422 11
Topeka              ".....	7,135 89
Total.....	\$157,442 66

This is an increase of \$14,243.52 over the receipts of last year. It seems a very easy matter to make this announcement, but behind it all were prayers and tears, anxiety and labor, weary bodies and heavy hearts, miles of travel, hours of correspondence, the giving out of energy, the giving up of all social life, the laying of all things on God's altar.

Toward the accomplishment of these results many agencies have been employed. The childhood of the Church has become interested, and Mission Bands have sprung into existence everywhere. "Helping Hands" have been busy. "Busy Bees" have made Missionary honey, "Willing Workers" have wrought beautiful things, and "Buds of Promise" have burst forth on every hand; Young Ladies' Societies have multiplied, and their members have conducted their business with intelligence and skill. One Society reports one hundred and fifty members, while a request was sent up to a branch from the Young People that they might be allowed to form a Missionary Association to meet quarterly for better knowledge of each other and their methods of work.

In another Branch a sudden emergency required the sending out of a Missionary to take up the work of one whose health had failed. No appropriation had been made, and there was no money in the treasury for this purpose. A circular stating this fact was sent to the Young People, and as a result, in less than two months the money was raised, and the Missionary is now in India.

Camp-meetings, district organizations, conference anniversaries, annual and branch meetings have been held, and thus a more complete organization effected, showing greater activity.

In these meetings, says one secretary, the blessed Holy Spirit has been manifest in the hearts of the individual worker.

The *Mite Box*, that silent, but powerful agency in the home, with its "penny for a benefit," has contributed quite a large sum. About eighteen thousand of these have been sent out this past year.

### LITERATURE.

*The Heathen Woman's Friend*, so essential to every woman in the work, has *nineteen thousand eight hundred and sixteen subscribers*. The subscriptions have fallen off about five hundred, and this is the only backward step taken by the Society. This paper, so full of information, so rich in its presentation of every phase of Mission work, ought to be in the hands of every member of the Society. The subscriptions are as follows:

New England Branch.....	3,006
New York ".....	3,394
Philadelphia ".....	1,947
Baltimore ".....	862
Cincinnati ".....	2,549
North Western ".....	4,835
Des Moines ".....	1,186
Minneapolis ".....	655
Topeka ".....	1,070
Foreign ".....	150
Scattering ".....	162
Total.....	19,816

### ZENANA PAPER.

The effort made during the past year to provide a Christian newspaper for the women of India has proved very successful. The paper has been eagerly sought for by the women, and been greatly appreciated. Two editions have been printed, eight hundred in the Hindi language, and six hundred in the Urdu. It is an eight-paged illustrated monthly, published at the Methodist Press in Lucknow, and is edited by Miss Blackmar. Twelve thousand dollars were raised as an endowment for this paper, and about four thousand dollars have been added the last year, making a total of \$16,273.

### LEAFLETS.

The publication of Missionary Leaflets, giving information concerning the work both at home and abroad, has been continued during the year, and a

much greater number issued than ever before. One million seven hundred and ninety-four thousand pages have been sent out and distributed in the churches and homes throughout the Branches.

Besides these, much miscellaneous literature has been provided, and the expense of all met from the funds of the *Heathen Woman's Friend*. There is no lack of means of information.

### MISSIONARIES.

During the year Miss Swaney returned home from Mexico, and Miss Kerr from India, on account of ill health. Miss Budden, of North India, whose health was much broken down, visited England, and then came to America, and has so improved that she hopes soon to return to her work. Miss Cushman, of China, and Miss Holbrook, of Japan, who, during their visit home, have gone through the Branches, giving such efficient help by their vivid pictures of heathenism, and presentation of Mission work, hope to return as soon as the Providences so indicate.

In October the following ladies sailed from New York: Miss T. Kyle and Miss S. Lauck for North India, Miss Mary Elliot for Bombay, and Miss Julia Wisner for Rangoon, Burmah.

Miss Anna Gloss, M. D., also left for North China. Miss Hall, the first representative of the Society to Italy, sailed November 9th.

Mrs. M. F. Scranton, early in the year, started for Korea. She spent some time in Japan studying the Korean language, and reached Seoul, Korea, in July. The following are under appointment :

*For India*—Miss A. Lawson and Miss A. Dyer.

*For Japan*—Miss L. Smith and Miss M. J. Elliot.

Miss Hewitt has been accepted, but her field is not yet designated.

### FOREIGN WORK.

"Our field is the world." In Japan, Korea, China, India, Bulgaria, Italy, South America and Mexico, the Society has representatives. In these various fields so many interests press, and, the work develops so marvelously on every hand, that it can only be referred to in a brief report. Every Christian agency is being utilized to bring the women to a knowledge of the truth.

There are 59 Missionaries at present in the field, with 43 assistants, 182 Bible women and medical workers, 351 pupils in the orphanages, 549 scholarships, 177 day schools, 23 boarding schools, and over 4,000 women under instruction. Medical Missionaries superintend nine dispensaries and hospitals.

Throughout India, north and south, come loud calls for reinforcements. Weary and overworked laborers are coming home to recruit. Medical Missionaries and teachers in the home and in the school cannot meet the demands pressing upon them. The boarding schools in Rangoon and Cal-



cutta are filled to overflowing, and Miss DeLine, who opened zenana work in Bombay a year ago, finds openings everywhere, has employed assistants, and a Missionary has been sent to help her.

Miss Thoburn, who has done such faithful work in India, has been seriously ill, and must come home for perfect rest. A new building for a boarding school in Calcutta is nearing completion, which will accommodate 100 pupils. Applications come from Madras, in the south, and Lahore in the north, for Missionaries.

Miss Swain, our first Medical Missionary, who has given sixteen years of faithful work, has retired from the service of the Society. Early in the year she received an invitation from the Rajah of Khetri (Rajpootana) to visit his wife. She accepted the invitation, and left in March, reached her destination and administered to the Queen. After the Queen improved, the Rajah invited Miss Swain to remain as physician to the palace, and to open a dispensary for the women and children of the surrounding country. After prayerfully considering the matter, knowing there was no Missionary or religious teacher in that part of the country, she decided to remain. She is not restricted in Missionary work, and has opened a school with eighteen girls. She has distributed religious books, and says: "The singing women of the palace sing our hymns to the Queen every evening." Prayers of the Society follow her, that she may be permitted to establish Christianity in the midst of heathen royalty.

Though not strictly connected with a report of this Society, and yet of such importance we desire to refer to it, is the movement now being made by Lady Dufferin (the wife of the present Governor-General of India) to establish a society to provide female practitioners for the women of India. An effort is being made to procure medical women from America, and liberal contributions to aid in the work are being made both by English and native gentlemen. The Queen of England has expressed great interest in the movement. This is the direct outgrowth of Missionary work.

Two "Homes for Homeless Women," one in the city of Lucknow, the other in Pithoragarh, have prospered encouragingly. There are eighteen women in one and seventeen in the other. These women have all sad histories.

In China the settling of the Franco-Chinese war has opened wide doors and requests to enlarge the old work and open new shows great progress has been made. A baptism of the Holy Spirit falls upon the people, and the women and girls in our schools feel the quickening of a deeper spiritual life. In Foochow, Miss Trask, who has opened doors by her medical work that can never be shut, has severed her connection with the Society, and married, and the work is now in charge of Dr. Corey. In Chung King, West China, the work grows, and 40 girls are in the school. In Peking 42 girls are in the boarding school. In Tientsin the medical work, under Dr. Akers, has prospered, and over 700 patients have been treated. In Chin Kiang, Central China, Dr. Hoag is taxed beyond her strength in caring for the sick, and the

home has 28 children. In Wuhu two Missionaries are asked for, and application comes from the Society to open work in Nankin, the old literary capital of the empire.

An urgent application comes from Singapore, midway between China and India, for a teacher and medical worker.

In Japan, advance is made everywhere. The schools have all been blessed with religious influences. Woman's work in the cities, and evangelistic work through the country have greatly developed. A school has been established in the interior, at Fukuoka, with 67 pupils. This was the outgrowth of a revival under the native preacher in that place. A request was sent to Nagasaki, and Miss Gheer started, taking a Bible woman with her, and found 200 people awaiting her arrival.

In Tokio, the boarding school has 81 pupils. The Sabbath schools have an attendance of 250 scholars. An urgent call comes for the establishment of an Industrial Home for Women.

In Hakodati, the medical work is becoming self supporting. The school here has 55 pupils.

In Yokohama, there are five day schools and a training school.

In Nagasaki, the school enrolls 107, and the religious growth of the pupils has been constant and manifest.

Korea, the "Hermit Nation," has opened her doors, and our representative is at Seoul, the capital, having purchased ground, and is awaiting providential developments.

In Bulgaria, our Missionary has two assistants. There are twenty pupils in the boarding school, and a few day scholars. Nine of the girls have been converted and received into the church.

In Italy, the work is represented by a network of stations, beginning with Turin on the north, and extending to the extreme south, with fourteen Bible women. These, by Sunday schools, women's meetings, and distribution of the Word, are undermining corrupt faiths, and making known the true God.

In Mexico and South America, the work has assumed a deeper spiritual character. The orphanage in Mexico City has thirty children. In Puebla there are forty-two girls in the school, and one Bible woman distributed over two thousand religious books and tracts. At Miraflores a new school building has been erected, and 200 names enrolled. So in all the stations in Mexico the school work has advanced.

In Rosario, South America, one school has 100 pupils, and a second for the poor has been opened during the year with 50 girls. In Buenos Ayres, the school work is very satisfactory.

This is a mere glance at the work which is developing so rapidly that it seems impossible to meet the demands. Every year we record the same story—that pleadings for help, for more re-inforcements, constantly ring in our ears

at these annual gatherings. Millions of women say, "Send us help." "You will come back to us; oh, promise you will come back to us," said a Hindoo woman recently to a Missionary who was leaving India, and with tears she pleaded, "Won't you tell every woman you see to send out hundreds to tell us women of the Lord Jesus?" A Syrian woman, teaching in the island of Cyprus, said to a Bible colporteur, "Give me your books and I will scatter them everywhere; but oh, give me fifty teachers for the poor women." There must come a response to these entreaties. It must come from every auxiliary society throughout the bounds of our Methodism; it must come from the one hundred thousand members, and from the consecrated young womanhood of our schools.

The officers of this Society have a deep concern, not about the ultimate issue of all this work, for that belongs to another day, and to One who makes no mistakes in rewarding, but they are concerned for the duty and privilege of the present. Are the women of Methodism measuring up to their responsibility in giving of their abundance to carry the glad tidings?

A Missionary in Southern Africa, wishing to impress upon the pupils in her school the lesson of Christian benevolence, appointed a day in each month when they should have religious services, and each girl bring in her offering, no matter how small that offering. On one occasion, the name of each child being called, she came and deposited her gift on the table. There sat one pupil in the back of the room who had been a member of the school but a very short time. She was unattractive in appearance, and the teacher said to herself, "*She* does not comprehend what we have said or done, but I'll call her name." She did so, and the girl came slowly forward, bearing in her hands an old broken pitcher. The child looked at it tenderly for a moment, pressed it to her heart, raised it to her lips, kissed it lovingly, laid it upon the table and went to her seat in tears. It was only an old broken pitcher, *but it was her all*, and she gave it, and in thus giving it, comprehended more of the Master's spirit than we with our enlightenment.

Our hearts go up as never before for the women of all lands to be given to our King for His inheritance—for this end the Society toils, for this end the women of our churches pray, for this end we may exercise a living, overcoming faith, for

"We are coming to a King;  
Large petitions we may bring,  
For His grace and power are such,  
None can ever ask too much."

MRS. J. T. GRACEY.

## REPORT OF FOREIGN WORK.

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### OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENTS.

Yokohama, Japan; North China and South America . . . . .	MRS. ALDERMAN.
Rohilkund District, India; Central China and Korea . . . . .	MRS. SKIDMORE,
Mexico, and Tokio, Japan . . . . .	MRS. KEEN.
Foochow, China, and West China . . . . .	MISS HART,
Oudh District, India, and Nagasaki, Japan . . . . .	MRS. COWEN.
Italy, Bulgaria and Bombay . . . . .	MRS. HILL.
South India . . . . .	MRS. NIND.
Hakodati, Japan . . . . .	MRS. PATTEE.
Kumaon District . . . . .	MRS. CARHART.

### INDIA.

“‘The kingdom of God cometh not with observation.’ These words have a striking fulfillment in the work of the Woman’s Foreign Missionary Society in Kumaon, Rohilkund and Oudh. Last year’s report, which has just reached us, is not, in its arrangement, one of those model reports, which present a bird’s-eye view of a Mission to a stranger unacquainted with the geography of a district and the plan of the operations. But whoever reads the fifty-two pages of detached paragraphs about the lodging, boarding, educating, evangelizing and medical treatment of women and girls of every age, degree and character, will become aware of some thirty American ladies, as busy as ants, over a great many stations and sub-stations, each one intent upon her own work, and all under a thorough organization. This extraordinary network of operations is almost entirely new; only a few years ago it was looked upon with disfavor; it is supported by an agency which all the infidelity and hostility in America cannot check; it is spreading faster every year; it is winning the favor of the government and the confidence of the natives; and no one can tell whereunto it will grow.”—*Indian Witness*, March, 1884.

In addition to the twenty-three representatives of the Woman’s Foreign Missionary Society in India, and the wives of Missionaries having charge of work supported by the Society, the following are employed as assistants, zenana and boarding school teachers, medical assistants and school inspectresses:

Miss Mispelaur.....Paori.	Miss Robertson....Lucknow.
“ Cumberland.....“	“ Singh.....“
Mrs. Whitby.....“	“ French.....“
“ Moore.....Naini Tal.	“ D'Abru.....“
Miss K. Hunter.....“ “	Mrs. Jarbo.....“
“ Mary King.....“ “	“ Chuckerbutty.....“
Mrs. S. Wadly.....“ “	Miss Connelly.....“
“ R. Gowan.....“ “	“ Crawshaw...“
“ Worthington.....Bijnour.	“ S. Baggott....“
Miss Torndorf.....“	“ Cumberland..“
“ M. Seymour.....Moradabad.	“ Mutlow.....“
“ Maria Seymour..“	“ Beck.....Cawnpore.
Mrs. Smith.....“	“ McKenzie....“
Miss Waddingham....Bareilly.	“ Honeybone...“
“ Thompson.....“	“ De Souza....“
“ E. Thompson....“	“ Croft.....“
“ Durand.....“	Mrs. Grant.....Roi Bareilly.
“ Parnell.....“	“ Kirwin.....Shahjehanpore.
Mrs. M. Turner.....“	“ Butterfield...Budaon.
Miss Geddens.....“	“ Goodwin.....“
“ Heming.....Lucknow.	

## MATRONS.

*Cawnpore*—Mrs. Jackson; *Budaon*—Mrs. Butterfield; *Bijnour*—Mrs. Rogers; *Paori*—Mary W. Greenwald; *Moradabad*—Mrs. Alexander; *Lucknow School*—Mrs. Smith; *Lucknow Home*—Mrs. Crawshaw; *Bareilly*—Miss O'Callegheh; *Naini Tal*—Mrs. Beaumont.

## ROHILKUND DISTRICT.

## MISSIONARIES.

MISS FANNIE SPARKS,	MISS FANNY M. ENGLISH,
MISS MARY CHRISTIANCY, M. D.,	MISS CLARA A. DOWNEY.

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MRS. E. W. PARKER,	MRS. M. E. GILL,
MRS. N. L. ROCKEY,	MRS. W. S. BARE,

MRS F. W. NELD.

An official report of Rohilkund District includes work in Bijnour city and district; Moradabad city and village. and medical work; Budaon city and district; Bareilly city, orphanage, district and medical work, and Shahjehanpore. This must, of course, be a report of simply a few facts and statistics, though the largest and best cultivated part of our work in India

*Bijnour* work has been under the efficient care of Mrs. N. L. Rockey, assisted by Mrs. Worthington and Miss Torndorf. The boarding school year closed with 55 pupils. The health of the girls has been usually good, with the exception of chills and fever. Most of the classes have done well in their studies. The girls have done their own mending, sewing and knitting as usual. During the short time that the cotton is ripening a party of merry girls were seen every afternoon gathering in the little field "white for the harvest." Eight of the girls have united with the Church, and many of the older girls have grown stronger in Christian life. Twelve are enrolled as probationers. Five have gone to the city every Sabbath to assist in the Sunday schools. In the city and district work, a few among the higher classes of Hindoos and Mohammedans have been called to their homes, so that we have 10 pupils reading Urdu and Hindu. In one Hindoo family was found a young widow who had learned to read when a child. She has read St. John's Gospel and Pilgrim's Progress. The pupils in this house show great interest in the hymns and Bible lessons. In one of the afternoon visits of the Bible teacher she found the nephew of the widow very ill. He was a boy six years old. The mother could not read. On entering, the father and mother were seated close to the little bed on the floor. After singing and telling the child how Jesus blessed and healed the sick, the father said: "Miss Sohiba, if you will pray for our boy he will get well. We knelt by the little bedside while the mother and aunt stood in the middle of the room, with their heads turned from us. The next day we called, the boy was better, and the happy father, clasping his hands, said: "Your prayers did much good." In the mohallas about 200 families are visited weekly. Often there will be a crowd of 20 or 30 listening to our stories and songs. Instruction is given in scripture, history and "line upon line." Three of the Mohammedan day schools have improved very much. The average attendance in the five schools is 90. The zenana paper has been distributed to the teachers and to the Mohammedan pupils in the zenanas. In the villages and surrounding cities the religious destitution is pitiful.

*Najihabad*, a large city, has one Christian woman—a native pastor's wife. The two Mohammedan schools have 50 girls. They teach the Catechism, Lord's Prayer and Christian Songs. This Christian woman visits the women, and tells them the good news of salvation. In another the native pastor's wife works faithfully among the women; she finds many inquirers. Five have been baptized. One Chamar woman has been baptized.

In *Bashti* and surrounding villages the report of the work is very interesting. The Bible readers, Lois Judd and Milly Phelps, report: "As the number of Christian families is large, our chief work is to teach religion to them. We also go to preach among the Hindoo and Mohammedan women, who listen attentively. Many Christian women adhere to the right path. Some of weak principles are becoming strengthened. May God help them. They live in villages which are two or three miles apart. Sunday schools are held



in places where we teach. The district work is large, requiring frequent visits from a Missionary. We have not been able to visit all the workers. Owing to the claims of the boarding school and the city, only a few of the neighboring stations have been visited. One mala was attended."

In *Moradabad* Mrs. Parker reports: "The work in every department is doing well. In the Moradabad Christian Girls' Boarding School, we closed the year with ninety-eight girl boarders, and twelve day scholars, making 110 in all. One of these is a Hindoo girl from the city. All the girls were present with few exceptions when school opened. This promptness was no doubt due to a promise made by Mrs. Gill, before vacation, that whoever returned most promptly should have a nice present from a Christmas box that Mrs. Parker had written was on the way. No one was disappointed, for the boxes were full of beautiful things. The new organ came in also for its share of praise and thankfulness. There are sixteen girls' schools in the city, and we have work in 160 houses and thirteen mohallas. We have some nice, good girls who help us very much. Two of the school girls have gone to the Lucknow school. Our work has been greatly interrupted by sickness, but we have only lost two of our girls. One died of scrofula, a great sufferer, and Clara Louisa Mason, who died of fever, came to us one year ago from a heathen home where even now is a heathen mother. She seemed fully to understand what it meant to be a Christian. In her delirium, when medicine was given her, she would put her hands together as if to return thanks just as she had been taught to do after meals. During her last vacation, her husband, to whom she had been married when a child of only six or seven years, tried to sell her for money. He said he had no other use for her now she had become a Christian, that he meant to have the money he could get for her. She escaped his hands, however, and we like to feel that the Lord took her to save her from the wretched life she would have had as the wife of this wicked man. The girls have made good progress in needlework. There has been an advance over previous years in the number of girls we are able to keep over fourteen and fifteen years of age. We feel the people are learning what they owe to their daughters. The religious meetings are seasons of great help to us all. Mr. and Mrs. Fieldbrave are stationed here. These two workers were children when Mrs. Parker first went to India. Mrs. Fieldbrave is a great help in the woman's work. As the work increases, the workers are multiplied. Miss Simpson, one of the young ladies from Miss Easton's school, will take a department in our school this year that heretofore we have found it difficult to fill. Mrs. Smith has charge of the zenana work.

"We greatly miss our Dr. Christianity and Miss Downey, who have been transferred to Bareilly. Our Chapel is filled on Sunday with Christians. In the mohallas some Christian women are learning to read. Several Chamar mohallas have been regularly visited, some at irregular intervals by the Missionaries and all the helpers as opportunity offered. We always have eager audiences of women to listen to us. We have had four women at two rupees a

month engaged in village work, and having good success. One of the girls married out of our school is in this work; we found her visiting some of the best families in the large village where she lives, and they listen with interest to her as she reads the New Testament and sings the bhajans. She also visits some Chamar mohullas, where crowds gather to hear her talk and sing. She tells them of the love of Jesus.

"The medical work in Moradabad has been carried on by Jane Plummer, the native doctor, assisted by Susan Khan. There has been much sickness, and the outside poor have received much attention in the dispensary and at their homes, hence the large number reported treated. Medicines have been given to the native preachers in every direction, both in the Moradabad and Amroha districts, and has been a great help. The dispensary is known as a Christian institution, and women come to be taught Christian truth as well as for medicine. Number of patients during the year, 10,126; number of prescriptions, 15,647.

In *Budaon* the zenana workers carry the gospel to all parts of the city, and are kindly received. The women freely purchase Christian books. There are three hundred girls in our day schools in Budaon, and the elements of Christianity, as embodied in our church catechism, are thoroughly memorized by these pupils. They remain about three years in these schools. One of these schools has fifty pupils, and is very popular among the higher grades of the Hindu community. The Sunday schools swarm with girls. We have now in these schools nine hundred girls. The numbers are only limited by the smallness of the force of workers. The Girls' Boarding School has forty boarders and ten day scholars. All the older girls are members of the Church, and are living consistent Christian lives, and the smaller ones recognize Christian devotion as the normal way. The education is in the vernacular, as little attention is paid to English. The school is emphatically a happy family. They are taught the elements of vocal and instrumental music by Miss Goodwin. The zenana work of the circuit is growing in interest and influence.

"In *Bisauli* Circuit there are three Girls' Schools. They sing hymns and attend Sunday school.

"In *Bilsi* Circuit there are three places where zenana work is done. Some of the women who can read are very much interested. In Bilsi, on every side of the mission house, are several different classes of people. The women are very friendly and interested in the Christian religion, especially the Chamars."

Of the orphanage work in *Bareilly*, Miss Sparkes reports about 300 girls in family, and the educational work has never been more satisfactory than this year. Good, earnest work has been done, both by pupils and teachers; and what might have been a very hard year for the Superintendent, has been made comparatively easy by the help so cheerfully given by all. Thirteen of the girls have married during the year, and one has gone to her Heavenly Home. Miss English, who went a year ago to Bareilly to help Miss Sparkes in the orphanage, is rapidly acquiring the language. She says, "Of all the work I

have seen in India, none impresses me more with its responsibility and usefulness than this orphanage work. These native children saved from heathenism are truly brands plucked from the burning." The fruit of the last winter revival is being gathered. Forty of the girls have been taken into full membership in our church. Miss Sparkes has been training some of the girls to camp life and village work; she has reason to believe these visits resulted in great good. She says it did the girls good, not only those who went, but those who staid at home and pledged themselves to pray for God's blessing upon the special efforts being made. The girls came back rejoicing that they had been saved from the worship of idols and taught to trust for salvation in Jesus. The zenana work in Bareilly and Bareilly District covers a large area. The report shows 266 zenanas visited, 7 Bible readers, 3 assistants, 66 women learning needlework, 686 women in the cities and villages under instruction, 450 Mohammedans and 150 Hindus, 6 day schools for girls and 165 scholars. The good words spoken have found lodgment in some hearts. Miss Downey, who went to India one year ago, has been appointed to this work. Bareilly medical work is now under the care of Miss Christianity, M. D., with three assistants. The number of patients treated during the past year in dispensary: Hindoos, 4,608; Mohammedans, 1,584; Christians, 513; Europeans, 10. In hospital: Christians, 39; Mohammedans, 29; Hindoos, 25; Europeans, 5; English, 4. Outside patients treated in one hundred different homes which involves several hundred visits. The statistics seem a poor expression of the work accomplished or the labor performed. Many poor, suffering women and children have been relieved, and we are quite sure that if those who, twelve years ago, gave so liberally of their means toward building this hospital, were to see how much comfort it has brought to hundreds of women who in their own homes have known only hardship and privation, they would be more than satisfied with the investment.

In *Khera Bajhera* the native pastor reports three schools. One is among the Chumars and has boys and girls both.

In *Datagunge* there is work in about twenty houses, in all of which the Scriptures are read, and the women listen gladly.

In several places, especially *Merganj*, *Shiapur* and *Sirali*, there has been great progress. The most encouraging thing this year is that eighteen women, having believed on Christ, have received baptism. In the Mohammedan schools the girls learn to read and write and count. They learn the Bible and catechism. The girls learn their lessons with great pleasure. The average attendance of girls is 66.

*Shahjehanpore*, Mrs. Bare, Superintendent: They have five Bible readers, one zenana worker and two school inspectresses, and twelve non-Christian teachers. Though for six months we have only had one zenana visitor, the work has not been neglected, for the five Bible readers continued their work as usual. We have secured Mrs. Kirwin as visitor, and she, with the five Bible readers have visited 150 zenanas regularly, beside reading the Scriptures, sing-

ing hymns and praying in their homes. The women are delighted to see them, and invite them to make longer visits. There are six Mohammedan day schools and six for Hindu children. The number of pupils enrolled, 240. The children receive religious and secular education, and are being fitted for happy, useful lives. Two of the school girls have been married lately, and the zenana visitor has instructed them in their new homes. There is a Sunday school in each of these day schools. A collection is taken weekly or monthly. Sometimes it is only a few pennies, but every little helps, and in this way heathen children are taught to give a little toward missions. There are weekly meetings for the instruction of native Christian women and Bible readers.

At *Panahpore, Tillur, Pawayan* and *Jalahabad*, there are seven day schools and an equal number of Sunday schools. Seven Bible readers are employed and a successful course of zenana visiting kept up.

#### SUMMARY.

Missionaries .....	5
Missionaries, Parent Board .....	4
Assistants .....	15
Bible women .....	66
Zenanas visited .....	892
Women under instruction .....	1,645
Girls in orphanage .....	270
Boarding schools .....	4
Pupils .....	268
Day schools .....	65
Pupils .....	1,454
Patients in zenanas .....	422
Treated in dispensary .....	16,623
Treated in hospital .....	78
Prescriptions .....	26,647

#### AMROHA DISTRICT.

The work in Amroha district is under the care of the native Presiding Elder's wife, Mrs. Zuhur-ul Haqq. It embraces work in ten places, and is carried on by twenty-two Bible women and teachers. Mrs. Haqq says: "During the year I have personally visited every charge in this district, and examined every girls' school. I have seen the workers both in the cities and in the villages, and have taught God's word wherever I have had opportunity. Oh, that the day may soon come when many of my Hindoostani sisters will join their voices with mine in crying, 'All glory to Jesus!'"

# OUDH DISTRICT.

## MISSIONARIES.

MISS I. THOBURN,	MISS L. E. BLACKMER,
MISS S. A. EASTON,	MISS PHOEBE ROWE,
MISS FLORENCE NICKERSON,	MISS EMILY L. HARVEY,
MISS ESTHER DEVINE,	MISS MARY REED,
MISS LAURA HYDE, M. D.	

## MARRIED LADIES IN CHARGE OF WORK.

MRS. J. C. LAWSON,	MRS. A. R. JOHNSON,
MRS. S. KNOWLES,	MRS. P. M. BUCK.

This sterile field has for years tested the faith of the Missionary, equal work in Rohilkund yielding a ready harvest, while the Missionaries in Oudh worked on, thankful for the tokens of promise, and praying earnestly for the day of the Lord's power. During the last year extraordinary indications of the presence and power of the Spirit have been apparent, and the redemption of these millions draweth nigh. The Lucknow Boarding School has enjoyed the greatest prosperity ever known in its history, in regard both to numbers and educational advancement. The buildings have been enlarged and improved; a new organ bought, which the girls are helping to pay for. Through Mr. Craven, a fine addition has been made to the library, the gift of the London Tract Society. The girls continue their Home Mission work, taking part in teaching the Mahommedan Sunday schools. They have organized a Missionary Society among themselves, including, with themselves, most of the old pupils, who have gone to homes and work of their own. The Superintendent, absent most of the year on account of ill-health, writes, after her return :

"With Miss Rowe in charge, there is little to fear for the school, but something for her, as she is in the danger of overworking that any conscientious person must be when alone in that situation. I could see all the wheels were running smoothly; that peace and love were in the very atmosphere; that the girls were growing in grace as well as stature and knowledge. You will be disappointed to hear that the candidates for the entrance examination, who were examined in April, did not pass in mathematics, though doing well in other studies. The mathematics was unusually difficult, and I would like to see the papers given our girls placed before some of our American schools and colleges. The girls at once asked to try again next year, and are supporting themselves while taking up the new books required for the next examination. Three girls have gone to teaching this year, one going to Dwarahath to assist Mrs. Waugh. Several have been sent to the school from other Missions to be prepared for zenana teaching, and these, with our own under training, form a very promising normal class. At the beginning of the year, when Miss Rowe was appointed to Lucknow, we hoped to do some district

work in Eastern Oudh, where there have been such manifestations of the presence and power of the Holy Spirit, but my absence has prevented that so far, but we hope still, with the cool weather, something may be done."

In the nine city schools work has been carried on without marked changes; while there have been but nine day schools, twelve Sunday schools have been maintained. Twenty-four voluntary workers are engaged in this service. One item of interest in connection with the year in Lucknow is the introduction, by Miss Nickerson, of Bible teaching in the Government schools, in connection with the zenana work in the houses and mohullas. Ten Bible readers and six assistants have been employed, under Miss Nickerson's supervision. The numbers taught have increased, many children have been permitted by their parents to learn the Catechism, one bright eight-year old girl reciting it all, her satisfaction only equalled by the pride of her parents. Not only in the zenanas, but to those sitting in the doorways, standing by the wayside, or gathered under the trees around the teacher, the truths of the Gospel have been taught, and because of this teaching some souls have gone home to heaven rejoicing, others have found in their sorrow and care what it is to have a Comforter and a Burden-Bearer. Of the 1,070 women instructed in Lucknow, 675 are Mohammedans and 365 are Hindoos.

The Home for Homeless Women has been fairly successful. Twenty-eight women and eight babies are being cared for. Four returned to their friends, two are employed as nurses, two were married, and one ran away. The money received from subscriptions, and from sales and orders for work, have met the current expenses. In addition to the care of the Home, Miss Blackmar fills the place of Treasurer, and also editor of the zenana paper.

*Cawnpore.*—The North India Conference appointed five ladies to the work of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society in Cawnpore—Misses Easton and Harvey to the English school, Miss Hyde to the medical work, and Misses DeVine and Reed to zenana work. Miss Reed's health failed, and she was sent to the hills, spending the hot months at Pithoragarh, trying to study the language and get well at the same time. She returned to her work the first week in September, feeling quite restored, and very thankful that she still had a place to serve. Miss DeVine found difficulty in procuring assistants, and altogether the year was a hard one; but with additional help, the prospects for vigorous work are very good. Sixty zenanas are under instruction beside the ghat and mohulla work. Nine city schools are in good running order, and in connection with each a prosperous Sunday school.

The medical work under Dr. Hyde has met with most abundant success. With health fully restored, she has not missed a day, and her hand with its healing power has opened many closed doors to the zenana visitor. She is crowded with work, and her services are deeply appreciated, not only by the women and girls she helps, but by their friends and relatives. Dr. Hyde thinks that more good can be done in Cawnpore by house to house visiting



than by establishing a hospital, as she meets not only the patients, but has access to the homes.

The dedication of the new church in Cawnpore was a "red letter day" in the Mission history, in which all branches of the Mission work was represented. Since then a gracious revival of religion has been in progress, and members of our schools have been numbered among the converts.

The English Girls' High School, with its efficient Superintendent and assistant, has had a prosperous year in one sense and one of trial in another. In August the Ganges overflowed its banks, doing much damage to the property. Such rains as came this year are unknown in India, and very serious losses have been the consequence. Miss Eaton says :

"But what are material losses and disappointments when we count the blessings on the other side. We have had peace within our borders, growth in Christian character, the presence of the King. If no work surpasses ours in care and labor, none is brighter with the flowers that promise early fruit. Nor do we feel that we are not a part of the Mission force because we work for those who have never been heathen. If these young people are not trained into aggressive Christians, environed as they are, they will lapse into practical heathenism. To us, as to others, the command is given, 'Sow beside all waters,' and we sow in faith, persuaded that the harvest will be garnered with joy. The Master hath promised."

Miss Harvey has proved a great blessing to the school. Recent letters from Cawnpore tell of a gracious revival of religion. The meetings were conducted by Rev. Stone, of Bombay, in which many of the girls from the English school were numbered among the converts.

At Unao a very interesting work is carried on by Mrs. Burge and one Bible woman. Three Sunday schools and eighteen zenanas are carefully visited and instructed. A granddaughter of Mrs. Burge, eleven years old, visits the schools and teaches the Catechism and hymns to the girls with much zeal and earnestness—perhaps the youngest worker in the Mission field. Unao is the headquarters of a district containing nearly a million of people.

*Seetapore.*—Here the work of reaching the women and girls has made most rapid progress. Work is carried on at five different points, and with its various departments, zenana work, boarding and day schools, Sunday school and district work, village and mala visiting forms a great part in the work of evangelization. Mrs. Lawson has most energetically prosecuted the work, and reports increase in every direction. There are now six day schools, ten Bible women, one zenana teacher, and a very flourishing little boarding school of thirty-six bright, industrious girls. Mrs. Lawson is training these girls specially for Christian work—not only to be the centers of Christian homes, but also to be efficient laborers in the Master's vineyard. The Sunday school work in Seetapore Circuit is very flourishing. Eighteen schools have been largely attended, and a wide dissemination of gospel truth is the result.

In *Hurdui* five Bible women carry on an extensive zenana work under charge of Mrs. Joel, the native pastor's wife. There are also ten girl's schools. At *Shahabad*, twelve miles distant, a very promising zenana work has been opened. Four Bible women are employed at *Barabanki* and *Daryabad* twenty-six new houses opened, two flourishing schools, and from each a girl, during the last year, who had learned of Christ went home to heaven, to be with Him forever. The Sunday schools here are very well attended. The *Roi Bareilly* work has been very encouraging; more than 200 women are under regular instruction. Four day schools and thirteen Sunday schools have been well attended. The Sunday school work is especially successful. In *Baraich* there are two day schools where forty-five girls are regularly taught. Five Bible women care for and instruct 180 women. The Sunday schools are attended by both girls and women. They are kindly received by Mohammedans, Hindoos and Bengalis, and the gospel truths seem to be taking root. Some wish to test the truth, and say, "When we know that you are saved from sin, then we will believe your religion is from God." *Gondah*, with its four outlying stations, *Ellenpur*, *Nawabgunge*, *Colonelgunge* and *Bulrampore* offers a field of more than usual interest this year on account of the marvelous work that has been wrought of God within this circuit. In *Gondah*, three Bible women carry the gospel to 341 women, and the Word of Life is joyfully received. Two schools at *Ellenpur* are kept up, and the Bible woman who is also a medical woman, visits thirty zenanas. Harriet Fisk at *Colonelgunge*, visits sixteen zenanas and superintends two girls' schools where scriptural knowledge and hymns are taught. Forty houses in *Nawabgunge* are visited by the Bible woman, who reports souls inquiring the way of salvation. *Bulrampore* is a new station some eighteen miles from the *Devi Patan mala*, and from which some converts were won, among whom a noted leader of an important body of Hindoos. One of his female disciples heard the gospel with gladness, and became a believer in Jesus Christ. All through this district the fields are white to the harvest, and as from all parts of this crowded district, the cry to the home churches is "come over and help us."

The attendance in Sunday schools in Oudh is 9,000.

#### SUMMARY.

Missionaries.....	9
Married ladies in charge of work.....	4
Teachers in English school.....	6
Assistants.....	8
Bible women.....	52
Medical Bible women.....	1
School teachers, day schools.....	41
Boarding Schools.....	3
Pupils in same.....	210
Day schools.....	36

Day school pupils.....	766
Zenanas visited.....	1,201
Women under instruction.....	2,880
Home for Homeless Women.....	1
Inmates during the year.....	28
Sunday schools.....	52

## KUMAON DISTRICT.

## MISSIONARIES.

Miss E. L. KNOWLES,

Miss HETTIE MANSELL.

*Married lady in charge of work*—MRS. J. W. WAUGH.

The work of the Society in Kumaon District is not confined to the four central stations—Dwarahat, Pithoragarh, Paori and Naini Tal—but extends to many adjacent villages. In all of this region the work is very largely carried on by native assistants. In *Paori* we have Mrs. Whitby and Miss Cumberland, valuable assistants. In the Girls' Orphanage at Paori, forty-seven orphans are cared for, among them many bearing well-known and honored names of our Missionary women scattered up and down this land. That they bear them not unworthily the following statement by one of the teachers assures us: "Our girls are all very good, all love the Lord, and, I believe, are trying to follow the Savior. They give gladly a few pice a month from their earnings to the Missionary Society, and this year ten rupees have been collected in our regular monthly Missionary meetings." Six have married, and only one who will not make a Christian home.

The village work is not as encouraging here as in the plains, where there are *homes* to visit. Here, in this hill region, the women serve as beasts of burden, toiling early and late, carrying wood and grass, or tilling the fields. They rarely find time to listen to tidings of another life, and inclination to learn asserts not itself when overcome by weariness. Still, as one of the assistants passes on her way through all the villages, accompanied gladly by a few of the larger girls of the orphanage to help in singing, they are always welcomed, and respectfully treated. There are three village schools around Paori; average, about twenty pupils.

At *Dekhwali* a new school has been started this year, by Jyoti, an efficient Bible woman, who also visits five villages near.

## DWARAHATH.

*Missionary*—MRS. WAUGH, with two medical Bible readers, and two teachers.

Mrs. Waugh writes last month: "There are now seventeen in the boarding department of the school. The boarding school at Lucknow has furnished

recently a teacher, Lui Boyd, who is a valuable assistant. Then, there are two of the older of the school girls, who are in the village work. They have finished the course of study, are the pupil teachers, go with the Bible women on their rounds, also go to their homes each week, and give them valuable instruction. The girls are happy in the work, and very useful. Some of the women taught are poor widows, who would starve to death were it not for the help they receive from our Mission. Their improvement is wonderful, and their gratitude great. Miss Thoburn writes of them, that 'so great is the improvement of the children taught, one could scarcely believe they belonged to the same race as the uncared-for heathen around them. Here the village work is also trammelled; woman has not the seclusion of the zenanas with its idleness and quarrels, but the lot of a field-worker, its incessant toil. Here, also, the girls are bought and sold in marriage; and plurality of wives, with extremely lax views in regard to marriage relations, and absolutely no favor from the laws, make woman's life yet more full of bitterness than in many other districts.'"

### PITHORAGARH.

Miss Budden, who has been connected with the Home for Homeless Women ever since its formation, and whose devotion to its interests is well known, and her success a bright spot in our Mission work, is now in New York, under the care of a physician; and her heart is filled with gratitude as the prospect brightens for her immediate return to her beloved children in the Lord with greatly renewed health and strength. This Home, which is doing so necessary and so useful a work, has now under its care fifteen once unfortunate women, twelve of whom have become Christians, three of them having received baptism this year. When the farm work is not too pressing, the day school is maintained. Four of the women are reading the Gospel in Hindi. Some of them are very eager to learn, carrying with them their books when carrying water or wood, and asking of those whom they meet the pronunciation and meaning of difficult words. In the school of twenty-four pupils the improvement has been marked. Bachuli, one of the first girls that entered the boarding school from the girls' day school, is now with her husband, who is a graduate of the Bareilly Theological School, at work among her own people.

Tidings from the Pithoragarh Boarding School, of twenty-two girls, is eagerly sought for by many who are spiritually and financially interested therein. A very satisfactory improvement in habits and character is reported. In the Sunday school, composed of women and girls, one hundred and thirteen names are enrolled.

### BHARBAR.

In the two schools for girls in this circuit seventy pupils, some heathen some Christian, receive instruction. Not only do they learn reading, but sewing, knitting and housekeeping. Florence Gowan, wife of the preacher in

charge, is the principal teacher, assisted by five native teachers and Bible women. In the Taro the work is new. It is an extremely malarious region, with a population of 250,000 people, mostly Mohammedan. So unhealthy is it, that a large proportion of the children die in infancy, consequently there are no schools, and very few of the common people can read. Personal teaching must be our only agency for good, tracts and books being useless. They have no caste, and do not seclude their women, but our Missionaries in their efforts are greatly restricted owing to the isolation of the people. The women listen with interest, enjoy the singing, receive the prescribed medicines gratefully, but no decided progress can yet be reported.

### NAINI TAL.

An English Girls' High School, zenana work and native girls' schools have all a place in the Christianizing agencies here. The high school, known as the Slater High School for Girls, is under Government patronage, and is a school of excellent grade. Thirty-two pupils have enjoyed its benefits this year, some of them the daughters of South India preachers, who receive most meagre support. The purchase of this fine property here has given a stability and permanance to the school, which has added greatly to its favorable prospects. The Mission band in the school, last year, supported a girl in Miss Thoburn's school at Lucknow, and had quite a fund remaining. Miss Knowles has had many discouragements, but rejoices now in the prospect of great future usefulness. Miss Mansell is her valued assistant. Mrs. Moore, the Bible woman, has about forty women under her instruction and that of her two assistants. The singing of hymns, a prayer, replies to questions concerning Christ, are mingled with the teaching of plain and fancy work. Three schools, with an attendance of forty pupils, have been carried on this year; also special teaching on the Sabbath.

The English work is very satisfactory, and is self-supporting, and the efforts put forth for the natives' enlightenment meet with encouragement and appreciation, and the results will be for the glory of our Redeemer.

### SUMMARY.

Missionaries .....	2
Married ladies in charge of work.....	1
Assistants .....	6
Bible women.....	12
Medical women ... ..	2
Teachers in English school.....	4
Teachers, Christian.....	20
Teachers, non-Christian ... ..	3
Pupils in village schools.....	208
Pupils in city schools .....	40
Pupils in boarding schools .....	45
Orphans in orphanage .....	47

## SOUTH INDIA.

## MISSIONARIES.

MISS M. E. LAYTON, Calcutta.

MISS M. C. HEDRICK, Calcutta.

MISS ELLEN WARNER, Rangoon.

MISS M. MCKESSON, Rangoon.

MISS JULIA WISNER, Rangoon.

The South India Conference includes all the territory of India not embraced in the North India Conference, and has authority to divide into two conferences, with such names and boundaries as the parties interested may appoint, so that the day is not far distant when India will doubtless have three conferences. In Calcutta, a city with more than half a million of inhabitants, Methodism is strongly intrenched, with its large English church crowded with interested listeners. Its Bengali and Hindustani churches, its seamen's work and school work, make it a location of more than ordinary interest. Here the girls' school, in charge of Miss Layton, assisted by Miss M. C. Hedrick, is carried on most successfully. The new school building in which our teachers and scholars hope to gather is nearing completion, and will be formally opened in January, 1886. Its location is near the church. It is a brick structure, made of the most substantial material all through; is three stories high, sixty feet wide, one hundred and fifty-seven feet long, and will accommodate one hundred boarders. Miss Hedrick writes:

"We are in much trouble just now over the money, teachers, furniture, and in fact everything. Owing to the threatened war with Russia, the Government cancelled the grants made for 1885, thus leaving us in a desperate strait. The grant was 33,000 rupees. We very much want American desks, but how to get them is another question. The school numbers fifty-eight boarders and ninety-eight day scholars. I have an entrance class of four. Among these girls there are twenty natives, a number of pure Europeans, and the rest Eurasians."

Dr. Thoburn asks for \$2,500 to help meet the emergency caused by withdrawal of grant. "We are sorely pressed," he says, "and appeal once more to the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society to help us in our hour of need." At Poona, Khandawa, Allahabad, and for Madras, Burmah and Calcutta districts, money is asked for native work, an equal amount being pledged on the spot. A lady is asked for Madras, another for Lahore, two ladies for Singapore, one for Bangalore, and one to take Miss Layton's place in Calcutta. It will be seen that South India stretches her arms from afar, and opens many doors for woman's work.

*Rangoon*, is the most distant outpost of the South India Conference, and has a population of 145,000. Owing to Miss Warner's disability with a broken arm, Mr. Robinson, Presiding Elder of Burmah District, reports:

"The school continues to enjoy a steady tide of prosperity. The blessing of the Lord has rested on this enterprise from the first in a marked manner. In all the details the guiding hand of the good Lord has been plainly manifest.



In the eligible site given us, in the exceptionally large building grants furnished by the local government and municipality, in the teachers sent us, we have good proof that the Lord was at the helm all the way through. The \$1,000 sent by the Northwestern Branch to help us pay the indebtedness incurred by adding a wing to the large school building, an enlargement made necessary by increase of pupils, came just in time. It will not be long until we will have to "arise and build" again. The school prospers financially. From the first the Committee has carefully economized, aiming always at a self-supporting management, which has been secured with Miss Warner's careful control and willing co-operation. You will be glad to learn that in the revival meetings held in our church lately, in which over eighty persons were converted, a number of the school girls came out brightly, and have been received on probation. Out of this school we will get valuable Christian workers. It is a Missionary school. Last Sunday I baptized the Burmese teacher attached to the school. He promises well. All his relations are strict Buddhists. The population of British Burmah is over 4,000,000, three-fourths of whom are yet evangelized. The province is one of the richest in the Indian Empire. The Burmese are much better off than the natives of India. There is no caste, and women are as accessible as men. Buddhists are extremely bigoted; but few comparatively have been converted as yet in Burmah. The Gospel has had the greatest success among the Karans, who are mountain tribes, and not Buddhists, but nature worshippers."

The outlook in this promising field of the South India Conference is one that cannot fail to touch the heart and open the purse of those who see the day of the Lord's triumph drawing near. The demand that comes to us from all directions; the workers God is raising up on the soil of India; Singapore, the "eye" of southeastern Asia, where mission influence might send out light among the 100,000,000 of Malaysia, beckons, "Come over and help us." Lahore, at the opposite side of the Conference, 3,500 miles away, makes the same plea. With good omens everywhere, with God on the helping hand, surely our church and our society should not hesitate to go in and possess the land.

## BOMBAY.

### MISSIONARIES.

MISS SARAH M. DELINE.

MISS MARY J. ELLIOTT.

### ASSISTANTS.

MISS SWANTHI POWERS,

MISS SARAH CASSIDY,

MISS BELLCHAM.

At the date of our last annual report our first Missionary to this, the largest city of India, was on her way across the sea. To-day, as we review the work of the past year, its organization, its opportunities, we exclaim: "What hath God wrought!" A very warm welcome awaited Miss DeLine

from the Missionaries there, and assistance was proffered to the extent of their ability. The inauguration of Christian teaching by our ladies in the zenana homes seemed so stupendous an undertaking that Miss DeLine says, as she studied its needs and its immensity, she was overcome by a sense of responsibility, and, for a little time, really oppressed. "But I gave," she says, "all the care and responsibility into the hands of my Father, and He is taking care of it Himself." She was so fortunate as to secure for her native teacher a young lady, Miss Sawanthi Power, a beautiful and educated girl of excellent family and earnest piety. She had already done some zenana teaching, and had access to thirty-five homes. In some of those homes the women had learned a little English, and Miss DeLine was at once invited to two of them, one lady asking her to read the Bible and Pilgrim's Progress with her. Miss DeLine wrote home asking leave to employ Miss Powers as an assistant, also Miss Sarah Cassidy, who had been a successful worker in zenanas in North India. Leave was granted, and thus our zenana work began. An invitation to dinner in a home of wealth came soon, was accepted, and, Miss DeLine says, "we were wonderfully blessed and helped in talking of Christ." Through the agency of the two assistants about one hundred zenanas were open at once for their visitations. Some of the incidents attending these visits are very striking. One intensely bigoted Brahmin lady had a most insatiable thirst for knowledge, and was willing to read anything, even the Bible, if only she could perfect her English, although she had never permitted Miss Power to speak to her of Christianity, saying, "I know all about it; tell me nothing." Miss DeLine, to shock the lady's self-conceit, gave her "Walker's Plan of Salvation" to read. On visiting her the next week she stood a most excellent examination in fifty pages of the book, asked questions, and, on the next week's visit, she was found to have read all of the four gospels. Her attention was called to the leading facts of the gospels, and those facts given her as the subject of the next week's study. Her interest abated not, and she asked the visitor at the succeeding lesson to sing some Christian hymns,

A Bible woman, Kassie, had been employed by Mrs. Hard, and supported partly by the people of Bombay and partly by contributions from America. This work was placed in the hands of Miss DeLine as legitimately belonging to our Society, and two others beside Kassie are now employed in the Bible work. Miss DeLine has also desired to open a day school, where the scholars would pay a small tuition fee, and the expense be supplemented by our Society. Consultation with the Missionaries fixes the fact of its feasibility and great desirability, but no teacher is at hand. Miss DeLine will soon, if she does not already, hold every Saturday a children's meeting among the Methodist membership, and also institute a young ladies' class, expecting to procure therefrom, ere long, helpers.

Miss DeLine is studying the Marathi language, as it is the most in use in Bombay. She greatly desires an assistant, to be at the head of the Moham-

medan work, who can speak Hindostani. Then one for the Parsi work, speaking still another language. Mrs. Hard, of Khandwa, also asks for an assistant, to be employed there by our Society, and under Miss DeLine's direction.

A letter of very recent date speaks of the employment of Miss Bellcham also in the zenana work. They are now visiting regularly in sixty homes, Miss DeLine going with her assistants in turn, and thus reporting regularly to her. Among those visited by Miss Power are several who, of late, eagerly inquire concerning Christianity, and are seeking Christ. Three desire to leave their homes and join the Christians, but that is not desired. Advancement is very noticeable, for when the visitors commenced, they were not allowed to read Scriptures in every house; now the Bible is read in every zenana, and in some places they ask for it at once. A number of women wanted Bibles for themselves; so, from a purchase of sixty-four Gospels, many were presented with them, and are intently studying the story of Jesus and His love. The class reached by the Bible readers is very different from those in the zenanas, being only the poor and the ignorant; two recent conversions are reported among them, and great is their need of a Gospel of light and a better life.

A foothold has also been secured in the very heart and stronghold of Mohammedanism. In a densely populated part of the city, the strange request from a Mohammedan man for a teacher to teach his wife Christianity, was answered by Miss Bellcham. When leaving the house they were sent for to enter another house, where they found many women gathered, who listened intently to their words. The children in the street thronged about them, and could be readily gathered into a school. What a record for the first year of our work in that immense cosmopolitan city. Hopes and expectations have not only been fulfilled, but expected difficulties have vanished away, three trained unthought-of workers stood ready with even the keys of the prison doors in their hands, the learned and the unlearned would learn of Jesus, followers of the false prophet are seeking the true one, the lady in charge earnestly pleading for six or more helpers in this immense city, this centre of influence, where are found dwellers from every nation. From wards of squalor, from homes of luxury, comes the request, "Teach us of your Christ." What shall be our response?

## CHINA.

### FOOCHOW.

#### MISSIONARIES.

MISS CATHERINE COREY, M. D.,      MISS CARRIE I. JEWELL,  
MISS LIZZIE M. FISHER.

In many respects the work in Foochow for the year occasions gladness and gratitude. The war cloud that hung over it at our last report has passed

away, and the young women then on their way to that field of labor have been most blessed and efficient in their work. Miss Fisher writes:

"We are rejoicing in the Lord for the measure of success given us in our short year's work in school. There has been advance all along the line; increase of numbers and interest; a higher standard of scholarship, more correct classification, greater neatness in apparel and rooms, a higher moral standard, peace and love in all our relations, and, above all and promotive of all, an increased spirituality manifesting itself in the conversion of some, the quickened religious life of others, with a deeper interest in the work. Before our school disbanded for vacation, those who desired to do something for Jesus were supplied with Scripture text cards, with a personal word as to how to use them. All but two of our smallest children took these. One of the women in the Bible school, when I gave her twenty-five, said: 'There are so many people where I live, I can use more.' She is the wife of a theological student, just entered the last term, and has done splendidly. She has bound feet, but is willing to have them unbound, and before she went home I talked with her husband, and he was very anxious to have it done—but of course the parents have to be consulted. All of the bound-feet girls carried home letters from us asking that their feet might be unbound.

"Our school closed with most satisfactory examinations in Bible and Christian studies, in Chinese classics translated in the Foochow dialect, in English and in singing. These examinations were conducted by our most able Chinese preachers who highly commended them. We closed with thirty-eight in attendance and a number of applicants for next term. In writing of the success of the past year, it is with thankful hearts to our Father, from whom came the wisdom and strength and grace to do this work—and to Him shall be all the glory. While others were expressing surprise at the success of our first year and congratulating us, we wondered not, for we knew from whence it came. We knew of the many times when perplexed and weary and uncertain we knelt and implored His wisdom and guidance and strength, and they were given."

Mrs. Plumb writes of the Hing Hwa Bible School and of the schools in Ing Chung district: "The woman's school at Hing Hwa city has been in existence about six years, with an average attendance of twelve or sixteen for a course of two years, so that more than thirty Christian women have profited by the school since it was opened. The object has been to educate our Christian women in Christian truth, so that they might better fill the position of wives and mothers when such a small percentage of our female Church members knew enough to read a chapter in the Bible, and it was hoped that some woman might be found who would be suitable to employ as a Bible woman. In this we failed, but much good has been done. During our last trip of a month through Hing Hwa district I met several very bright, intelligent women among our members who had been in the school, and who were now at home, letting their little tapers shine bright and clear in their home circle, their own

church, and out into the surrounding darkness. There are at present in the district five day schools for girls, ranging from twelve to twenty in number. The majority of the pupils are from heathen families, and are not usually allowed to remain longer than until they are thirteen or fourteen years of age, for then they can be useful at home and marry early. This is, of course, a disadvantage, but all we can do is to teach them as thoroughly as possible the time they are in our hands, hoping thereby to lead them in the way of salvation, or to impress their parents with the desirability of sending them to our boarding school at Foochow. Some of them are very bright girls, and we covet them for our school here, where they can have the careful Christian training for which it has always been noted. When the bright dream is realized of having one of our young ladies set apart to give her time and energies wholly to the oversight of the country work for women and girls then will they become what they ought to be.

The sentiment on the subject of female education in China is in a sadly low state. In fact it scarcely exists at all except among Christians, and while this continues to be the case the work of educating women and girls of the church in China will be fraught with difficulties.

The medical work in Foochow has been subjected to a severe strain by it being devolved on Dr. Corey so soon after her arrival. But her faithfulness and devotion have won highest praise from her co-laborers, and the confidence and affection of the natives. She pleads most earnestly for a hospital in the very heart of the city for an associate and a trained nurse. As it is, the duties of hospital, dispensary and nursing have devolved on her until she is well nigh broken down under the burden. Dr. Corey writes :

"We cannot, dare not contract our work here. No ; I must see all that come, whatever the cost. My heart is sick and my ears sharpened instead of dulled by the pleading of the people. Had I simply wanted to practice medicine, because of the money in it, or the professional life, I would have stayed where both were offered me with more ease and larger emoluments. All the money in the Missionary treasury could not keep me in China one year did not the love of Christ constrain me. Indeed, I could not practice medicine at all did I not have a compassionate Christ on whom to lean hard. During a few weeks of illness, when my hands were folded, and I laid aside I had time to see that God was blessing my work, and that special signs of His favor rested upon it. But this medical work is but a means to an end, and as such I must not let anything stand in the way of successful work, for in a great measure my success in giving the Gospel to this people depends on my success in healing their bodies. If I go before and open the door and sow some seed by the way, God grant that other laborers may follow who can cultivate all the ground given. My soul longs for a helper who, day by day, can give the Gospel to my patients. The doors are wide open and I beseech you to help us to enter. I know the calls are many and the need great all the world over, but the opportunities for work now in Foochow are greater than ever be-

fore. The time has come to act. May the God of All Grace grant His blessing upon this place, and enable you to see its wants and supply its needs, for my heart is burdened with the great need of the people of Foochow."

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## NORTH CHINA.

### MISSIONARIES.

MISS ANNIE B. SEARS,

MISS E. AKERS, M. D.,

MISS E. YATES,

MRS. C. JEWELL,

MISS C. M. CUSHMAN (Home on leave), MISS ANNA GLOSS, M. D.

No mission has been more faithfully and efficiently represented in some sections "at home" by one of its own devoted, enthusiastic Missionaries, and reports continued success in the field, although unable to develop and extend the work on account of reduction of forces.

The boarding school in Peking has averaged forty-two pupils in attendance, all doing well, with scarcely an exception. Among the older girls there has been a new spiritual life, and during the week following the "week of prayer" fifteen of the younger girls came to realize the forgiveness of their sins, and the sweet assurance that Christ dwelt in their hearts, and they have evinced a spirit of careful watchfulness that has been truly surprising in children so young.

School closed the last of June, with very satisfactory examinations, conducted by Mr. and Mrs. Walker, and the native helper. This new feature of these annual examinations gained great favor, and may result in the appointment at the annual meeting of a regular examining committee.

The beginning of an industrial department, referred to in the report of last year, has been doing something all the year. As there was no room to spare, no effort was made to procure looms for cloth-making. An hour a day has been devoted to sewing, by the smaller girls, and spinning thread by the larger ones. All the thread used in the family for the year has been made by the girls. One day school has been kept up for the year, with smaller attendance than last year but more satisfactory results. These children, who know so little of the comforts of life in their homes—where poverty, ignorance and filth abound—have been taught by the Holy Spirit, and some hearts have been opened to receive Him. Mrs. Jewell writes to a friend :

"We have been having a wonderful—yes, truly wonderful—outpouring of the Spirit upon the Missionary workers in this city. Three members of the China Inland Mission held a ten-day meeting in this city in the spring, and their labors were owned of God. It seemed as if they came to us in answer to prayer. Many of the Missionaries had been feeling deeply the need of a power to reach this people. These laborers dwelt very largely on this theme : What the promise of the baptism of the Holy Spirit is to all believers. Their



labors were greatly blessed in quickening the spiritual life of, I may say, nearly every Christian in Peking, for when the foreigners began to get the "special anointing" they were not slow in carrying the news to the native church, and a general quickening impulse was the result. Another precious outgrowth of this revival has been a daily noon prayer-meeting held in each of the different missions. These meetings have had two special objects in view—first, the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon our own hearts; second, its mighty influences upon China."

The accounts given of this modern Pentecost are most thrilling, demonstrating most fully that this divine agency is as potent now, accomplishing as marvelous results in the hearts of the disciples as when the one hundred and twenty received its anointing in that upper room in Jerusalem.

A building site has been purchased in Tsun Hwa in the interests of our own society, of which Miss Sears writes: "Our new purchase of land lies adjacent to that of the Parent Board, and is a most desirable location. We are within about three minutes' walk of the southern gates of the city, within which is the Mission Chapel and residence of the native 'helper.' The city is in the midst of a level valley, the surrounding mountains distant from three to ten and twenty miles. The whole plain is dotted with villages, and clumps and groves of trees, presenting a lovely view from the city wall, while to the north, distant about seven miles, we can plainly trace the great wall climbing and creeping along the crests of the nearer ranges of mountains. The prospect is delightful, and the change to this pure, invigorating air from the foulness of Peking is exhilarating in the truest sense. I think a change from Peking to Tsun Hwa as a place of work would be almost as good as a health-trip home, unless the disease was home-sickness. This promises to be the most of a vacation I have had since coming to China, although we were obliged to bring some of our girls with us in order that we might come ourselves. We plan this for a real vacation; yet we hope and expect to find some opportunities, and specially to make as many friends as possible among our neighbors and those we may meet. The people seem quiet and kindly disposed, their most intense feeling being that of curiosity regarding us. But, oh! for the power to bring them to Christ! More and more do I feel the need of greater faith for them in those who try to work for Him here, for there is so much looking at it from the human side that makes it seem that our words are but idle wind—our work but fruitless beating of the air! But faith must triumph over this, and we shall have souls for our hire."

The Training School in Tientsin with its ten pupils continues to give promise of being an agency that will in the near future be very helpful in furnishing some native women who will be efficient as Bible women to go into the homes. Miss Yates writes:

"The work has been most gratifying. The progress made by these women in mind and spirit has given me great satisfaction. On Sunday I hold a class meeting with them. Some of the members are partakers of rich fellowship

and communion with Christ, while others are groping toward the light. But this precious leaven is working, and the whole will be permeated with its power and all will grow strong for the Master's service. The school was closed early in June, as some of these women had four hundred miles of travel by slow conveyance to reach their homes, and it seemed desirable that they might make the long journey before the roads were made impassable by the heavy rains. All, with one exception, have made good progress, and will return with the re-opening of the school in September. I retained one of them to assist me here as Bible woman, and one to help in the hospital during vacation. Although blind and ignorant in many ways, and erring often, yet they are really sincere followers of Christ. In their contact with the outside heathen I am most happy to note that they are not 'overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good.' The work among the people generally was very encouraging during the spring and early summer. Since the excessive heat the attendance at the chapel is much less, as the people seem to prefer the shade of their mud roofs to a walk in the hot sun. One Sabbath in the spring we had ninety-four at Sunday School, sixty-four of whom were women and girls.

"The medical work has been most faithfully carried forward by Dr. Akers. Her report for one quarter shows that she has not been idle: Patients treated in dispensary, 709; prescriptions given, 1,610; out-patients, 113; visits, 173; homes visited, 51." She adds: "Good work has been done by one of the Training School women among the patients in the waiting-room, and a few—just a few of the suffering, stupid creatures—seem to have an interest in things eternal. One woman in particular, who is almost entirely blind, evinced a great deal of interest, and remained some time after she had been treated to talk about the 'doctrine.' But she is one among the many who think of nothing but the body's good; and I do not wonder, for they are really very wretched. The Mohammedans—one family especially—have been good listeners to the truth. I do not know how near it comes to touching the heart. There are a few Christians among the in-patients. One of the sweetest things I have seen in a long time was the little company of patients and other women and children about the hospital kneeling in prayer on the steps of the dispensary building the other night as I went out to look after a sick woman. The moonlight softened the lines, making them very beautiful to look upon; and my own heart softened as I remembered what a precious thing it was in the sight of God."

## CENTRAL CHINA.

### CHIN KIANG.

#### MISSIONARIES.

MISS M. C. ROBINSON,

MISS LUCY HOAG, M. D.

Of Chin Kiang we have a very short report, as Miss Hoag has been so occupied and unsettled that most of her letters are on the purchase of property

necessary for a Home and dispensary. The unsettled state of China for some time prevented our making any permanent investment in property, and now the difficulty seems to be to find a place that would be suitable at a reasonable price. We regret that through delay in communicating with Dr. Hoag we lost a very desirable offer made by the Consul, Mr. Jamieson, but circumstances beyond our control prevented the purchase. Miss Hoag writes we have five foundlings left by Miss Howe in Kiu Kiang. We have no yard for them to play in, so we have to buy a couple of bushel baskets and have a Coolie take them on his shoulders to the hills, while the nurse hobbles along on her little feet to accompany the children and care for them while they take their airing. These children are not very healthy, so we need to take double precautions. The poor sick Chinese crowd upon us in numbers so that I have no time for writing. Miss Robinson writes: "Dr. Hoag has not been home since 4 o'clock A. M. She is worn out with so much work. There has been so much sickness that she has had to ride all day for days together for the past few weeks. I am anxious about her, but the Lord will care for her I am sure. She is obliged to receive all her Chinese patients in our front hall, as she is finding some difficulty in renting a place for a dispensary, but she hopes to open up in new quarters soon. I would like to give you an idea of the grand work she is doing here. Everybody respects her highly, while those she helps almost worship her. She is always busy in some Mission work." Again Miss Hoag writes: "I have been employed as usual. Last month I rented a Chinese house for a dispensary and hospital at the rate of \$120 per year; I have to make the needed repairs. I am very glad to get it, as I have had to do my work in our only passageway; from January until April I had 195 patients and gave 257 prescriptions, but had a good deal of practice among the foreigners. I now charge a fee of twenty cash to all Chinese who wish to see me in the dispensary, and after that they have the medicine free in order that an inducement may be given them to hear the preaching; I like the plan well; we are busy and put in faithfully all the hours at command."

Miss Robinson has charge of the School and Home. They have six orphans in the Home. She says of the day school: "The pupils are learning beautifully. To-day at noon I heard them talking about the countries of Africa, Europe and Asia, pointing to maps on the wall. They study mental arithmetic, and all their studies are in Chinese, not any English, for as much as I would enjoy teaching my native tongue I think it would be useless time wasted unless they were to become teachers. I shall dismiss the present teacher at the close of the year and put my personal teacher in his place and be in the room myself as much of the time as possible. Each of the girls have knit a pair of stockings, woolen, and done some sewing. They keep their school room, and bed room, and bath room, in perfect order and cleanliness, and they enjoy the work vastly. Christmas day they had a royal time; they seem to be a very happy body of little folks. We have in our household twenty-eight, seven babies. I find my interest in these babies increasing all the time. They have their cunning, attractive ways,

and though they require much care we hope to raise them to be useful Chinese women. As I pass the nursery door I hear them singing 'Jesus Loves Me,' and our great desire is to manifest the love of Jesus. This work is comparatively new, but the prospect for success is more than we thought of in the beginning, and we hope to deserve the confidence of those who have placed such an important trust in our hands. The report from the Superintendent of the Chin Kiang mission is very satisfactory with regard to the work done by the ladies; expressing his desire that everything should be done to help them in their arduous labors.

"You will think we are asking large things; and so we are, but not larger than you would think necessary, were you here. I feel that this new school will be a great blessing to Wuhu and the neighborhood. We are much encouraged in our work. The congregations steadily increase in size; several persons have been baptized, and others have applied for admission into the church. I am sure you will rejoice with us in these encouraging tokens and join us in praying for an outpouring of the spirit on work and workers."

### KIU KIANG.

An urgent plea for the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society to resume work in Kiu Kiang and send two ladies there, comes from the Superintendent of the mission, and it is hoped the coming year will see the work re-established.

*Nankin* also petitions for a share in the interest of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, and the establishment of women's work in that important city.

### WUHU.

*In charge of work*—MRS. J. C. JACKSON.

The building appropriated for last year to be used for a girls' boarding school is now under way, and the prospects are hopeful for a vigorous school work at this point. Mrs. Jackson asks for a Bible woman, and also pleads for more help. She says: "Our mission asks for a Home and two ladies to be sent to Wuhu; one a medical lady, the other to take charge of the school work, as the appointment of the missionaries is not permanent, and Mr. Jackson may be moved to some other part of the mission. It was thought best to ask for ladies at once. I need not say that I shall be glad to render any help in my power to the ladies in charge of your work, either in Wuhu or elsewhere. There is a fine opening here for medical work. Though we are two miles away from the city, there will be no need to leave home to find work. A dispensary or hospital built right here would never want for patients.

## WEST CHINA.

## MISSIONARIES.

MISS FRANCES WHEELER,

MISS GERTRUDE HOWE.

Miss Wheeler writes: "Gone, another year, with its joys and sorrows, successes and failures, hopes, disappointments and blessings, and yet are we spared to labor on in the vineyard, happy in the privilege of co-workship with the Master.

"About the middle of December our hearts were gladdened by the arrival of Miss Howe, with her four orphan girls, also Mr. and Mrs. Gamewell. Their coming brought with it new life and encouragement, of which we stood greatly in need. The narrow quarters to which we were reduced by so sudden an accession to our family was the occasion of no little inconvenience, and of necessity had to be endured several months before different arrangements could be made. Negotiations for the purchase of an adjoining lot were immediately set on foot, resulting in our gaining possession ere the close of January, by paying to the owner the sum of \$1,777. The intervening wall, and several buildings, were torn down, and the open space thus formed leveled off and adorned with trees and shrubbery as a play ground for the girls. It also serves the purpose of separating in part the school-house from our house, since as soon as the necessary repairs could be made the school was removed to the farther end of the compound, and their former accommodation fitted up for an orphanage. Between \$700 and \$800 have been expended on repairs and improvements during the year. This amount includes a small sum devoted to the renting and rendering habitable two or three rooms in an old temple, where we, with our children, are passing the hot summer months. The property owned by the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society in West China is worth nearly \$5,000.

"The school record for '85 contains the names of forty pupils, of which number nine have been removed by sickness, death and various other causes. The average attendance has been good, and fair progress made in study. General deportment is greatly improved, and a desire to do right apparently awakened. Three of the older girls have been taken on probation, and as far as we can tell, give evidence of being sincere Christians. Several others would gladly join the little band of believers, but lack sufficient faith and courage to enable them to brave the displeasure and persecutions of their people. Again, may I ask your prayers on their behalf?

"Last February one of the girls was sold into slavery by her father, and vain were all our efforts for her release until the case was carried before the magistrate. Through his influence she was soon restored to us, and, I believe, a happier child never lived than little Winnie when she found herself once more among her playmates and teachers. A similar attempt was made by the opium-smoking father of another pupil, but thanks to the old grandmother,



who, upon learning the designs of her son, concealed the girl in a neighboring house, meanwhile sending me an urgent request to take her under my protection. Accordingly the poor fugitive became a boarder, and for months never stepped outside the premises alone. The enlistment of her father as a soldier, and his departure from the city, ended her imprisonment.

"Our hearts were saddened soon after the new year by the loss of sweet little four-year-old Mary, the elder of the two adopted children, and the flower of the flock. A week later baby Bennie joined his sister in the happy land. I think their death has been the means of drawing us all nearer the Father.

"Scarcely a day passes without calls from the women. The school is a strong attraction. It is to be feared that the many came simply out of curiosity, but let us hope that among these visitors some may prove to be seekers after the pearl of great price. The Missionaries are co-laborers with us in this branch of work, and are indefatigable in their efforts to carry the message of salvation into the dark homes of our poor benighted sisters."

## JAPAN.

### TOKIO.

#### MISSIONARIES.

MISS M. A. SPENCER,

MISS M. J. HOLBROOK (Home on leave).

MISS A. P. ATKINSON,

MISS R. WATSON.

We have come to the close of another school year with renewed cause of gratitude to our Heavenly Father. The year has been one of peculiar trial through damage by tempest and illness of many of the pupils from epidemic disease, but what seemed dark and mysterious has been blessed to our good, and in no way has the prosperity of the school been disturbed; on the contrary the number of pupils is constantly increasing and many applicants for admission have been refused owing to lack of accommodations. The register shows ninety-five pupils in attendance during the year; of these twelve were day scholars. The present number is about eighty. Ten native teachers are employed. One death has occurred during the year—a girl from Yokohama, who entered the Home in October and was still on trial at the time of her death in December. Her disease was small-pox of the confluent type and she died at the Government Hospital in Thiba, her mother caring for her to the last. The poor child had been under religious instruction but a short time, and yet expressed her firm faith in the one true God. The young girl on probation at the beginning of the year has been baptized, and four conversions have occurred recently, making the number of professing Christians forty seven. There has not been any unusual work of grace in our midst this year, but a conscientious discharge of duty and unfaltering interest in all that pertains to the welfare of our Church or its progress here indicate a healthy growth in the



knowledge and love of God. A half hour is devoted to the study of the Bible every morning immediately after school opens, and even the smallest girls have quite a good knowledge of the four Gospels. There are eleven pupils receiving instruction on the cabinet organ, and a singing class begins the work of each morning.

Two Christian girls, whose promised term of years had expired, left us this year. One, O Tam San, had not completed the course of study, but her mother being an invalid, she was so much needed at home we could not urge a renewal of the contract. Her scholarship has been given to the sister of the native pastor in Tsukiji. There were no graduates this year in English, but the literary exercises at the close of the term were very interesting, as were also the etiquette and calisthenic exhibitions, in which the girls were much praised for their skill and grace. At no time since the repairs to the building were completed had the routine of the school been interrupted; the general good health of the teachers, regular attendance of those employed, their harmony of action in working for the interests of the school, together with the excellent course of study and strict Christian discipline enforced, have all combined to give the Tokio Home an excellent reputation; and the outlook for the coming year is very promising. Enlarged accommodations would give us increased facilities for usefulness; we are very much in need of extra dormitories, recitation rooms, etc.

The Tsukiji Sunday school continues to be well attended by men and women as well as children. The pastor teaches the men, and O Rujo San the women; two of our older girls have the infant schools, and there are several large classes beside the international lessons being strictly followed. On the second Sunday in June, children's day, the pupils from Kanda, Tamachi, Asakusa, Fukagawa and Watanabe San's schools were all gathered together in Tsukiji church, which had been prettily decorated with flowers, their own gift. An interesting programme was creditably carried out, and the collection, largely made up of small copper cash, one and a half tenths of a cent in value, amounted to four dollars and a half.

There are three day schools connected with our work, and two more are in contemplation for next year. The Tamachi work in Miss Atkinson's charge is in excellent condition. The day schools number 64 children, whose ages range from 6 to 12, and a scholarship in the Home has been offered as a prize to the little girl distinguishing herself at the next examination by being number one, provided her average is over 95. Two teachers have been employed during the year—both Christians. The Sunday school is more largely attended than ever before, and a preaching service is now held every Sunday evening; there are two applicants for baptism.

The Kanda day school is in Miss Watson's care. She reports thirty pupils. The teacher, a faithful Christian, died during the summer. Miss Watson has also the woman's Bible class in the Kanda Sunday school, while the younger children are taught by one of our girls.

Mrs. Bishop opened work at Fukagawa, instead of Kumagome, as was at first proposed. A good teacher has been secured for the day school, and the outlook is very encouraging.

The woman's meetings held at Kanda, Yotsuya and Tsukiji have been well attended and profitable. At the two former an hour is spent in religious exercises, and then one reads from an interesting book while the others knit or sew for an hour. They have disposed of a number of dolls, fancy bags and boxes, giving the net proceeds to the support of the church. The meeting in Tsukiji is a class-meeting, where the women pray and talk freely of their experience, and are surely making good progress in the divine life.

Several sociables, or union meetings, have been held during the year, alternately at Tsukiji and Kanda. At one of them, while the cake and tea were being enjoyed, O Mine San, Mrs. Bishop's Bible woman, lighted a stick of incense, and, passing it all around, had each one recite a verse of Scripture while holding it in her hand. This she repeated until the women had recited all the texts they knew.

One morning a week has been devoted to Japanese visiting, with a view to becoming better acquainted with the families of our pupils. Tracts are distributed at these visits, and in every case the visitor has been well received and politely entertained.

Two missionary trips have been made into the country with Mrs. Van Petten and two Bible women: one to Sakuyama and adjacent towns, Mr. Bishop's district, in April. Here the work is unusually flourishing; meetings were held for the women each day, with good results.

Two pupils from Sakuyama have entered the Tokio Home since our visit and one has been received into the Bible Training School at Yokohama. In July a visit was made to two places on Mr. Harris' district, 250 miles north of Tokio, where churches are established, and great interest awakened. Meetings were held daily for the women in both Teudo and Tamagala. Other towns were visited where as yet no Christian work is done, and promise is assured that ere long work will be opened there also. Our Japanese sisters have been slow to take any part in Christianity, but are now awaking to a sense of their individual responsibility; their husbands, too, are urging them forward, and in places where not a woman believer was to be found, they are now gradually coming to listen to the truth and open their hearts to its refining influences. There is no more promising feature of our work than visiting our sisters in the country churches, to strengthen their faith, teach them to work, and prove to them the reality of our Christian religion.

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## HAKODATI.

## MISSIONARIES.

MISS M. HAMPTON.

MISS E. J. HEWETT.

MISS F. N. HAMISFAR, M. D.

Dr. Hamisfar, who is fast proving herself to be fittingly named "Florence Nightingale," thus writes of her own health and work under date of June 15, 1885 :

"My health is excellent and allows me to do *full work*. I eat well, sleep well; can walk long distances in my round of patients throughout the city, and feel no fatigue. But as warm weather is coming on, I must save myself and my interpreter, Yugiye San, and go oftener in a jenricksha. My work here is becoming wholly absorbing, and brings in return more pleasure and delight than I ever hoped to obtain in this earth-life. My days here are kaleidoscopic, so that a description of one day would be utterly unlike the others, except in the regular duties of each day. Day begins here at three in the morning. Our elevated position on the mountain side, looking out eastward upon a six thousand mile stretch of sea, and the unbroken line of sky above it, seems to hasten daylight. At four o'clock people are astir, and at five o'clock the work of the day has commenced in earnest. Often as early as six my door bell sounds, and patients begin to come. I have hardly time for breakfast, but at 7:30 A. M. I leave and spend half an hour singing with the girls in the school room. At 8 o'clock the pastor comes from his home, a twenty minutes' walk from here, to conduct morning prayers, at which all the household are present, and then school is open for the day. I am usually very busy all the forenoon in my dispensary, occasionally slipping away to visit a very sick person about whom I am anxious. I return to find the waiting room well filled. At 12 o'clock each day we have a prayer meeting in my study for the Missionaries. It continues only fifteen minutes, but it is indeed a helpful season. If I have patients I slip away from them, but they get the benefit of a hymn and the tones of my sweet organ. I am usually punctual at dinner, but all through the dinner hour a stream of patients may be seen passing the window, and the ringing of the door bell beats time for us, so that my first hour after dinner is usually in the dispen-

sary. The afternoon is devoted to visiting the sick, to study and needful exercise and recreation. I am happy to say that I am not idle or lazy. I am falling more and more in love with the Japanese, and I begin to feel that my coming here is not in vain in the Lord. How graciously He opens the way before us? The prospect brightens every day. My work is fast becoming self-supporting. Why, at the end of this year I shall be able to send to our dear treasurer a money report—monies received from patients in return for medicines. My accounts at the present stand nearly balanced, and I believe I shall have a hospital in time. Mr. Andrews, of the English Mission, has given me a frame building worth three or four hundred dollars at least, and has just given an additional gift of six iron bedsteads, a rubber water and air mattress, water-bags, sheets, etc. His gift seems rather too much in advance of the hospital to be, if indeed you decide that it shall be at all. I have not asked for it yet, and you have not told me to have one. I think, though, the time has come to start the question in the Society, "Shall we have a hospital in Hakodati?" Please give me your views and advice. You know there is a hospital here in Government control. The Governor of Hakodati is my friend, and has appointed me teacher of English in the Imperial Normal School at Hakodati, provided the authorities at Tokio will grant an English department in this school. My class would be entirely made up of young men. I should teach one hour each day, Sunday excepted, and should receive a salary of sixty dollars a month; my salary to be used toward the future hospital, or for medical work, or in case of no such need, to be returned to your credit. What a blessing for the people are these Christian school nurseries for Christ. I'm glad I am connected with this school, and working for the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society."

The boarding school at Hakodati has passed a very prosperous year. Miss Hampton says: "Our school closed with fifty-five girls, and there have been forty applications for September. God has been with us in our work this year. Seven girls have received baptism. All the others are quiet and show the influence of God's teachings in their lives. They are easily influenced for good." Later, Miss Hewett writes of a marriage in the school, and adds: "We are glad to send the girls out to establish Christian homes, and shall be as glad, perhaps more so, when some of them will finish the course of study, and go out as Christian teachers; we need these so much in the day schools which we could open had we the right kind of teachers. Especially are we anxious to open such a school in Hiroaube, but we find it difficult to secure a proper teacher. So many girls wanted to come to us this fall, but we could only take the older, more advanced pupils. We must have a preparatory school. We have sixty-five pupils now. Eleven are day scholars. We are hampered in giving music lessons by having but one organ. How we hope another will be sent us. We were so sorry Mr. Squier's health required a change, and they had to leave Hakodati. We miss them very much. We are all busy and well and happy together, and God is with us."

## YOKOHAMA.

## MISSIONARIES.

MISS E. J. BENTON.

MRS. VAN PETTEN.

The work of our Society is limited in Yokohama to the day schools, Sunday schools, Training school for Bible women, and visiting among the families accessible to Christian teachers and workers.

An event worthy of note by all who are interested in the progress of civilization and Christianity in this wonderful Empire, where the idols are being cast down, and their worship abolished, and multitudes are stretching out their empty hands for a substitute, occurred a year since in Yokohama, the 25th anniversary of the arrival of Dr. and Mrs. Hepburn, the first American Missionaries in Japan. His services have been invaluable in the translation of the Scriptures, and his dictionary is the standard. All the Missionaries in Tokio and Yokohama, irrespective of denomination, joined in the exercises connected with the occasion. The services were inspiring. The work already accomplished, the wide open doors in every province of the Empire, the demand for Christian teaching, were such sources of joy and thanksgiving that the fulfillment of the prophecy, "A nation shall be born in a day," seemed to be very near.

The day schools have been prospering, Bible truth, the Catechism and Christian songs are taught in them daily. Miss Benton writes: "In the winter I laid out for the schools a plan of work, expecting it to be completed in April, when we were to have a grand examination, including three schools at Kanagawa and one at Furocho. Every thing was going well when the measles broke out, and for two months the schools barely existed. Not half a dozen children in our two schools escaped the epidemic.

By some new arrangement, an order came from the Government officials for our schools to come into the same examination as theirs. There was much excitement among the pupils, and they worked faithfully at Kanagawa. Before any went, they all knelt down and asked God's help for the day. Then one teacher went with the pupils who were to be examined, while the other stayed at the school-room with the remaining, praying for those who had gone.

When our scholars arrived at the appointed place, some of the scholars from the other schools shouted, "Oh, here comes the Jesus Christ school; they cannot pass!" But they did—every one. One of the examiners said to another: "What school is this in which every child has passed?" The other replying, "Why, it is the one known as the Jesus Christ school."

After returning to their own building, one little girl went up to another and said: "I know why you passed; it was because we prayed about it."

Mrs. Winomiya gives a similar report from the school in Fursho, where she teaches, adding thus: "I thank God that He blessed our children, giving them a chance to learn how to pray to God sincerely in practical experience. Of course we pray in school every day, but the children did not care much



when examination was coming. I told them if any one of them wanted a good prize they must study hard, and moreover, ask God, do the best, and fear not. After we had prayed all together, a child said: 'I am not afraid now, because the Lord will help me, sure.'"

After these examinations came the Bible work, which reflected great credit to teachers and children, rejoicing the hearts of the workers, that these children are receiving the knowledge of the Bible and Christian truth, which will insure for the members of the Christian Church, in the near future, intelligence and devotion.

The Training School for Bible Women, in charge of Mrs. Van Petten, has been a real success. Six pupils passed in the prescribed course of study arranged for by the First Japanese Conference, which included regular lessons in the Pentateuch and Gospels daily, with a course of reading to aid in the study of the Bible; to which was added lessons in reading and singing, the whole occupying three hours. One of the pupils took Chinese, one English. All took lessons on the organ.

All the work—sewing, washing, ironing and cooking is done by themselves. A class in sewing, every day from two to four, includes all the students of the school, and any others who desire can enter. On Sunday they teach in the Sunday schools. Once a month a meeting is held, to which all the women of the church have been invited, most of whom are reading six verses every day, in accordance with the regular course of reading marked out by our Bible Reading Union. Every Sabbath evening the pupils collect as many poor women as possible into the school-room and teach them, and they are making quite an interesting, profitable meeting. One of the members of the school visits among the people doing the work of a Bible woman, in connection with Mrs. Kaneko.

Mrs. Van Petten refers to her teacher as being "One of the loveliest characters I know, and one of the most promising women in the church. She seems to comprehend the spiritual meaning of what she reads and hears more than any other Japanese I know. She is also a good scholar, and a most faithful and patient teacher. I feel as if she alone were more than worth the coming to Japan."

During the year a Gospel Society has been organized through the influence of a Christian Japanese from San Francisco. Among other things this society provides for the establishment and maintenance of night schools, in which English shall be taught to the young men. This makes an additional tax upon the time and strength of our missionaries, but they accept it as an opportunity for increased usefulness.

Miss Van Petten, Miss Spencer, and two Bible women accompanied Mr. Bishop on a country trip in April, the object of which was to meet the Christian women in the out stations, secure more scholars for the training school, and do the best Missionary work possible. They found openings every where. Being unavoidably detained for passports in a certain village, a meet-



ing was arranged for the next day, when two or three hundred were present, and two candidates received the baptism.

The next day they went to Otawara, five miles away. The service was held in the prison in the afternoon, with about fifty men in brick-colored suits with the officers, and about twenty-five outsiders constituted the "most orderly assembly I ever saw," says Mrs. Van Petten. While we regret exceedingly the vacancy made by the removal of one of our workers in this field, we may rest assured that the work will be cared for as far as possible by Mrs. Van Petten until we can send some one to share with her its burdens and joys.

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### NAGASAKI.

#### MISSIONARIES.

MISS E. RUSSELL.

MISS M. J. ELLIOTT.

MISS EMMA EVERDING.

MISS LIDA B. SMITH.

MISS JENNIE W. GHEER, Fukuoka.

At the annual meeting of the Japan Conference, special provision was made for training preachers for the evangelization of the island of Kiushu, which was spoken of as a field already white to the harvest. The work of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society in this field has been one of peculiar interest and growth since its first opening, six years ago; and the year just closed has been a marked one in the same direction. In the school at Nagasaki, 107 pupils have been enrolled, with an average attendance of ninety-two. Excellent progress has been made in the line of study, and the religious growth of the girls has been constant and manifest; a sweet spirit of love and obedience pervading the school atmosphere. The girls have organized a Bible class among themselves, and spend most of their Sabbath afternoons studying the Scriptures. Miss Russell says of the last quarter: "It has been our hardest one. We were going to be very economical to meet the Fukuoka demands. The first reverse we had was a storm in April that blew and washed down our fences. We have a wooden fence on one side and a stone fence on the other. A new one cost us \$93. Then the small-pox visited us, which necessitated a doctor bill, a hospital bill, the replacing of burned beds and clothing and mats, tearing off old paper and putting on new, and any amount of fumigating and washing. But the fence is built, the small-pox patients are well, the new school is opened, and there is still meal in the barrel, 'What time we are afraid let us trust in the Lord.' We have no Sunday school work except in connection with the church. I have the honor to be the superintendent, and 'if I do say it, that shouldn't' we have a very nice

Sunday school. We opened it first in our school-room in February, 1880, with five members. In 1882, Mr. Long requested us to take it to the church, and perhaps others would be induced to attend. We did so, and while no regular members from the outside have been brought in, the church members, old and young, come to the Sunday school, and are much interested in it. We have a teachers' meeting every Friday evening; have a library of about 150 books, use 110 Berean Lesson Leaves, take seventy-five copies of the Japanese Sunday school paper, "Good Tidings," and twenty copies of the infant class leaflets. Last year we raised \$55, Mexicans, in penny collections, besides, the school gives something in the monthly Missionary collections. Children's day was observed, the church trimmed, a responsive service, which was a translation of one used last year in the United States; an address from one of the students in the boy's school, and a collection of \$2.20."

The Woman's work in Nagasaki is progressing slowly, but still encouragingly. A meeting held each Saturday afternoon in the school chapel is well attended, and not unfrequently part of the audience are men. In February the ladies in Nagasaki received an earnest appeal to establish a Branch school in Fukuoka, a city seventy miles away. This is an old Dainoyo town on one side of the river, connected with Hakato on the other side by bridges, making them seem like one city. There are 70,000 inhabitants in the two cities. On the Fukuoka side they are all of the Samaira class, fond of learning; a promising class to influence. Fukuoka is what we would call the county seat of the Chikuzen Province. The native pastor opened work here in October, a gracious revival followed, forty-three converts were gathered into the Church, and an urgent call sent to Nagasaki for a girl's school. The ladies replied that they must wait for leave at home, and could not expect to hear before the 1st of April. The first boat that landed at Fukuoka after April 1st found a great crowd waiting at the landing to welcome the new teacher. Miss Russell says: "What could we do? We just talked and prayed over the matter, counted our resources, and then dividing our stores of school equipments and household stores, sent Miss Gheer on, feeling that we could stagger through the work some how until Conference, and we knew you would send us help. We had faith enough in you to justify us in meeting the faith in us shown by this request. We shall squeeze the dollars as closely as possible, and make both ends meet." Miss Gheer was most kindly received, not only by the little band of believers there, but by outsiders. The daily paper reported her coming, and gave kindly accounts of the progress she was making from day to day. When she sent to the Kencho for permission to live in Fukuoka, the officials gave information cheerfully, and expressed the hope that the school might be opened very soon. She rented a house large enough to accommodate a school of seventy, which was pledged in advance, and has three living rooms, besides one for her Bible women. The native pastor reported four persons belonging to good families had been brought into the church by Miss Gheer before she had been there a month. The school opened suc-

cessfully, and the work among the women is especially prosperous. Miss Gheer took with her O Saki San, the Bible reader supported by the Friend's Society, and she already has three stated classes of women in the city, and the prospect of more. Miss Gheer has her training class in the morning, and in the afternoon she sends the women out to talk up Christianity wherever they can find hearers. In the afternoon, Miss Gheer teaches in the school. She has a Japanese assistant. What makes this point an excellent one for our work, is the fact that while they have excellent schools for boys, no instruction except primary is given to girls. To show the literary tastes of the people, there are thirty-five book stores, while Nagasaki has but three. The 5,000,000 souls of Kiushu must be reached through Nagasaki, the only open port. The force at work on this island is, first, the Catholics, strongly entrenched. In Nagasaki, they have a Jesuit's house opposite our school with twenty priests, and below a convent with four French nuns. They claim a following of 20,000. The Greek Church has a Mission there, but it is a weak one. Of Protestants, the Dutch Reformed and English Church each have two missionaries and one lady teacher. The doors stand very wide open, and past success make the harvest of souls to be reaped an early one. The three Missionaries have been well and happy, but the work is too great for them, and the reinforcements now on the way will not arrive a day too soon.

## KOREA.

### *Missionary*—MRS. M. F. SCRANTON.

Although our Missionary party started for Korea in January, 1885, they found, on reaching Japan, news that made an onward movement somewhat hazardous. Dr. Maclay advised that the party be divided, thus avoiding the suspicion that might arise if they went in a body. Mrs. Scranton remained in Yokohama until June, busy studying the language, and preparing herself in every possible way for her future work. She says: "It is very pleasant here. The Missionaries are as good as they can be, and Japan is delightful; still I want to go forward and be among my own people." June 8th, she left Yokohama with Mrs. Dr. Scranton and child to join the rest of the party in the hermit nation. They found all quiet, but things in a very unsettled state. Civil war seemed imminent at times, and war between England and Russia probable. Mrs. Scranton says: "Of course we know we are not altogether safe, humanly speaking, but somehow I have no fear; I feel that the promises are high above human wisdom. We are making all our plans to stay, and getting ready for work as fast as we can." In August, Mrs. Scranton wrote for leave to buy a piece of ground in a commanding situation, overlooking the American Legation and the property of the Presbyterian Board. It adjoins that purchased by the Parent Board. The land had a house large enough to meet the present demand, and where Mrs. Scranton can gather women about her. She says: "It seems I must get the mothers before I can reach the daughters. I have

written one friend to send me a magic lantern and a globe and Appleton's charts; to another, to find some one who wants to send me an organ, and mentioned to another how much money will be required to fit up a building. You see I am not modest in my requests." Permission was granted by the Reference Committee, and October 23d, Mrs. Scranton writes: "I feel like singing the 'Te Deum.' The papers are signed. The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society now owns property in Korea. Here we hope to have a home and school, and perhaps a dispensary combined. This buying and building for the church is a great responsibility, but I am daily, yes hourly, asking counsel from my Heavenly Father that I make no mistakes. I am learning to prize Sunday as never before. All the week through we are in the midst of 'confusion worse confounded.' The workmen in our building are noisy and numerous. You cannot imagine the strain it is on one's nerves to hear incessant talking in a strange tongue. Saturday night is a boon, for we know the voices and hammers and saws will cease. When the Koreans began to work for Dr. Allen, of the Presbyterian Board, they did not take kindly to the resting one day in seven. In order to preserve peace and Sunday in his compound, he was obliged to pay the workmen to stay away. Now they have gotten used to it, they like the plan, and we have had no trouble until last Sunday; while we were away at our little services, they took the occasion to smuggle in some things they needed for the next day. A few came with their loads after our return. I think they will not trouble us in that way again. The 11th was a 'red letter' day for Korea. We had our first communion service. Mr. Loomis, of the American Bible Society, was with us, and also Capt. Miller, of the United States ship Marion. There were just as many of us who partook of the bread and the wine as were in that little upper chamber when the ordinance was instituted. It was good to be there, and not only to know, but to feel that the Master was just as really present as He was with the disciples on that 'memorable night.'"

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## BULGARIA.

### LOFTCHA.

*Missionary*—MISS LENA M. SCHENCK.

ASSISTANTS.

MISS STONATA ATANASOVA.

MRS. KASSOVA.

We joyfully record the fact that the time has passed when, in making a report for Bulgaria, we must not only thankfully acknowledge the services of Mr. and Mrs. Challis, of the Parent Board, but add our apologies for lack of representative, and our hopefulness that ere long we would be able to take our allotted place. Apologies have given way to incidents, and hopefulness to certainties. Miss Schenck arrived in Loftcha last November, and received a very hearty welcome. Mr. and Mrs. Challis, with an assistant, had been carry-

ing on the school. Miss Schenck entered upon her duties with enthusiasm, giving several hours per day to the study of the language, and other hours to English teaching and general management of the school, and thereby relieving Mr. Challis from his enforced duties. Miss Schenck wrote: "I am surprised to learn how much has been accomplished. Every thing has been systematically and excellently carried on, and visible results proclaim success. Too close application to study and other duties caused the health of Miss Schenck to give way in winter, and for a time she was the victim of nervous prostration. An urgent appeal for help to come to her assistance was sent by Rev. Mr. Challis. While trying to arrange for sending assistance, word was received that Miss Schenck's health had so nearly been regained that the arrangement was not consummated. Her assistant, Mrs. Kassova, called to her aid two of the older pupils, and the school year closed with a record of prosperity. Diplomas were given to two of the scholars who had completed the course of study, which is quite extended, owing to the Government of Bulgaria raising recently the standard of education, among other reasons hoping thereby to crush out the Protestant schools. In the school there was a good religious influence. Seven during the last term were received on probation, and two in full membership. "The prayer meetings of the girls," Miss Schenck writes, "are exceedingly interesting. They have special subjects, and one where the workers of the Northwestern Branch were imploringly commended to the special care and blessing of our Father, was an occasion to be long remembered." They have sent five dollars as a gift to our Treasury, and Miss Schenck asked for the privilege of paying a one-half scholarship, also fifty dollars per annum from her own salary. The work of the house is performed by the girls, who are also taught sewing.

During the summer vacation, Miss Schenck visited some Missionaries of the American Board at Samohof, over the Balkan mountains, and returned greatly invigorated and strengthened.

School reopened in September with the former teacher, Mrs. Kassova as second assistant, and an experienced Bulgarian teacher, Miss Stonata Stanasova, as first assistant. She is a graduate of the Samahof school; taught there ten years, then spent four years in England, is a very companionable lady, and will take the higher classes which Mr. Challis has heretofore been obliged to teach. Mrs. Kassova takes the intermediate and primary, Mrs. Challis two classes, and Mrs. Schenck the English classes. The laws regulating private schools have been made very stringent, and the survival of the fittest is the war cry. That those of Protestantism may so prove, the teachers ask not only our material aid, but earnest prayers. Twenty boarding pupils and a small number of day scholars are now in attendance. We have also a primary school at Sistoff, and one at Rustshuk, with Bible women and other Bible work at the latter place, under the supervision of Rev. Challis. The violent persecutions of the former years are past. A propitious seed time is ours. May the harvest be fully proportionate to our responsibility.



## ITALY.

*Missionary*—MISS E. M. HALL.

Mrs. Vernon writes, October 13th: "I had purposed writing you a detailed account of your work in Italy, but a long and trying illness interfered with my plans, and I am only able now at the last moment to give you a few items, hoping they will reach you in time for the General Executive Meeting. Your work now is established at most of the principal points on the peninsula, beginning with Turin at the northwestern extremity, extending through Asti and Milan to Venice on the Adriatic sea, at the northwestern border, down through Bologna and Perugia to Rome, and on to Naples, across to Foggia, Venosa and Bari, near the southeastern extremity. At all these points there is good work being done. Mrs. Monta, of Turin, writes that three Catholic families have been recently won to the Church and Christ, through her efforts. She has been visiting them for some time, trying to sow the seeds of evangelical truth in their hearts, and the seed has taken root by the blessing of God. Mrs. Monta is abundant in labors, and conscientiously devoted to her work. Mrs. Campari, of Milan, gives the names of a large number of Catholic families visited by her during the year, among which eight persons have joined our church. She has looked after our sick and visited the hospitals, besides working in the Sunday school, as do all our Bible women.

"Mrs. Tollis, of Venice, commenced her work at the beginning of the year. She, by her labors, has won three women to the Savior, they having joined our church, and she has established a Woman's Meeting at her home. She was very ill during the winter and early spring, and on account of poor health has been obliged to seek a less rigorous climate. They have gone south to Bari, where her husband will open a new station; she will continue her labors there. At Bologna, where we have just opened a new church, quite an excitement and interest has been awakened, and there have been several new accessions recently, principally through the labors of our Bible woman, Mrs. Lopa.

"Alexandria is a new station. Mr. Stazi was sent there in the spring of 1884 to establish a church. They have encountered many obstacles, but have succeeded in gathering together a small band of brethren. Mrs. Stazi has co-operated with her husband, has been 'instant in season and out of season,' in trying to win the favor and good will of the people, and thus draw them to the gospel. Mrs. Palmieri has been working in Perugia for the last few years—a very difficult field. In order to have access to families, she established a French class, giving lessons twice a week, gratuitously, and she had quite a large attendance from a good class of persons, with some of whom she formed very good relations. A number of her scholars absenting themselves for a time, she sought them at their homes, but the doors were shut in her face. She was driven away with the cry of *renegade, apostate*. She learned the priests had been at work among these families, and had instigated them against her. She is now busily engaged at Pisa, where she says she finds



good opportunity for work. A few days ago we dedicated a new church in that city, which will increase her influence and opportunities. Mrs. Mando, of Rome, has occupied herself largely with the young people and children, visiting them at their homes, having them meet weekly at her house for religious instruction, and interesting them in various ways. She has succeeded in drawing to the Sunday school a number of Catholic children. One of these last spring came to Mrs. Mando, saying that her mother was going to send her to a convent for two or three weeks to prepare her to receive the communion. (It is the custom in the Catholic Church to administer the communion to children at twelve years of age, and to prepare the child for some weeks previous by special instruction, together with certain ceremonies). The child was very unhappy about it, and said she had entreated her mother to wait, hoping she might finally be excused, but her mother told her if she made any resistance she should never go to the Protestant Sunday school again. The young girl was not seen again for three or four weeks, until one Sunday morning she appeared, saying that she had obeyed her mother, and now she wanted to be taught of Christ, that she might obey the voice of her own heart.

"At Venosa, Mrs. Conte is full of good works. She is an experienced teacher, and being convinced that the best way to reach the mother is through the child, she opened a day school for gratuitous instruction, which met with great success, the number increasing so rapidly that she was obliged to refuse further admissions—at one time she had as many as eighty-seven. In order to have a more direct influence over the women she formed an evening adult class; ten women joined, four of whom are now members of our church, and two probationers. She also conducts a Sunday afternoon Bible Class, besides being the head and heart of the Sunday school. Making the acquaintance of a rich and prominent family of the neighboring town of Malfi, through her influence two young sisters have been won to Christ, and the brother has become a firm friend, though not an adherent of the cause. The Bible women use tracts, bibles, testaments, and religious books in their work, distributing or selling them as they can, though there are few who wish to buy. This is but a brief statement, and refers to only a part of the workers, but it will serve to give you an idea of what your money is accomplishing in this land."

## SOUTH AMERICA.

### MISSIONARIES.

Miss L. B. DENNING,  
Miss J. M. CHAPIN,

Miss J. GOODENOUGH,  
Miss E. GUELFI.

In Rosario our Missionaries are so full of work that they give themselves very little time to report the same. We incline to the opinion, however, that it might be a politic measure for them, and for their enterprise, if they were

more given to this. "Let another praise thee, and not thine own mouth; a stranger, and not thine own lips," has been literally obeyed by these faithful, efficient laborers. How they accomplish such a vast amount of 'telling work' we can only account for by the thorough system everywhere exhibited—in the family, the schools, and business details—the untiring industry, adaptation to circumstances, and last, but not least, that important element of success, ability to get others to work.

It will be remembered that the institution is conducted on a similar plan to the Mt. Holyoke Seminary, the girls taking turns in the kitchen and general family work. The older girls are becoming helpful in the schools as well as in the family.

Miss Chapin writes, September 5th: "This year has been one of work and we trust of progress, in many ways. The Lord has given us and our households a good degree of health. Our School No. 1 has had a greater number of large girls in attendance than any former year. I think it might be said, truly, that we were never doing more real Mission work in school than now. We have had a hundred girls during the year, but now number but eighty, some changes in the normal school having taken a few of the older pupils. March 5th, of the present year, we opened School No. 2, for the poor, on the opposite side of the city. There was no appropriation for this school, neither has any been asked for. We found a new building, containing a large front room and three smaller ones back of it. The small rooms we rented to a family, thereby reducing the rent. The income of School No. 1 has paid the rent of \$50 per month, beside its own incidental expenses. No. 2 has had fifty girls in all. They are of that class that are moving often, so that the average attendance is thirty. They certainly need the Gospel leaven in their hearts to make them live in harmony and peace.

"The Spanish Sunday school in our school-rooms has a varying attendance from twenty to forty-five. We have just had a Sunday school concert, which was quite a success. Our largest room was full of interested people, and many gathered at the door in the street. The Tuesday evening prayer-meeting does not increase as we would like to see it. This is not strange, as we have no pastor to visit among the people. The leader is a hard-working man, who has no time for visiting.

"When we bought the Mission property the school-rooms were old, and the floors of tile very cold for the feet in winter. We had no general assembly room. A gentleman of wealth and influence became interested to have us enlarge one of the rooms and put in board floors, making the contracts for us greatly to our advantage. We thought it right to take the accumulated school funds to improve the property. We ask no appropriation for this.

"The girls educated by your Society are all improving in mental and moral culture. Two of these will soon unite with the Church in full membership, and one on probation.

"I hope some of the Auxiliaries that desire special work will not think

India and China are really the only Mission fields in the world. The girls in South America need the help of our Christian ladies, and their prayers, too, for they are in gross darkness as regards the claims of God upon them. Pray for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon this place and people, which is much needed."

Miss Morrow, who is engaged as teacher in a Government School in Rosario, writes: "No one can understand what your Missionaries are doing here, and not acknowledge their success. I am sure, knowing the cost of everything here, I cannot conceive how they built so nice a 'Home' with so little money, nor do I know how they take care of so large a family and two schools without more help. I am quite certain that nothing but sheer desperation or absolute necessity would ever cause me to work as hard as they do. The love of Christ would never inspire such self-destruction. We often meet people who have children in their school, or whose children have been with them, and find their names to be household words. They command unbounded respect, and no one can measure their quiet influence. In their lives they represent their faith."

The school work in Buenos Ayres grows more satisfactory each quarter, and is becoming a grand evangelizing agency, felt in the city. The larger girls of the school are developing and improving, so that in a few years good assistants will be furnished for other schools and Gospel work all over the city.

Miss Goodenough writes: "Monday evening is the woman's meeting, led by an energetic Italian woman, who speaks in Spanish or Italian, as occasion requires. Tuesday afternoon, a sewing meeting; Tuesday evening, a class and Gospel meeting in the school room; Friday night, an English prayer meeting in the same place. In all these meetings the 'good seed' is being sown and watered, and we thank God much fruit has already been gathered.

"A poor Italian woman came to our Monday evening meeting, and the leader told her of the way of salvation; the Spirit helped, and she was saved. She went home and told her aged husband, who was sick in bed, the good news. Others came in to pray with him, and he too was soon rejoicing in the Savior. Shortly after he died, praising God with his latest breath.

"The knowledge of Bible truth is becoming more practical and thorough. A little while ago we were studying the life of Solomon, and I told the girls about God's promise to give Solomon whatever he should ask of Him—inquiring what they thought he asked of the Lord. After a moment's silence, a little German girl, who knew nothing of the pure, simple Gospel of Christ, except what she had learned here, and whose skeptical turn of mind had often caused me much pain, held up her hand and said: 'Was it that God would take all sin out of his heart?' Thus it is: here an unfolding leaf; there an opening bud—showing that God is surely fulfilling his promises.

"Our course of study is the same as last year. Our object is to give the children a useful education, and teach them the truths of the Bible."

In the middle of the year Miss Goodenough sent an urgent appeal for \$500.00 for opening a second school. New York and New England Branch responded with \$150.00 each, for which the most sincere and appreciative thanks have been received, with assurance that it was a wonderful help to them.

The present state of affairs there, in connection with the division of church matters, may influence the school work to some extent, but we hope all will be so wisely adjusted as to avoid any permanent injury to a work so signally owned of God from its very commencement.

## MEXICO.

### MISSIONARIES.

MISS M. HASTINGS,  
MISS S. M. WARNER,

MISS E. LE HURAY,  
MISS M. DEF. LOYD,

MISS L. M. LATIMER.

The work of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society in Mexico never gave more encouraging promise than it does to day. From here as elsewhere comes the urgent cry for more workers, more buildings, that the golden opportunity may not be lost.

The orphanage has prospered well under the care of Misses Loyd and Le Huray. Thirty of its pupils are entirely supported by the Society, and about twenty day scholars attend who are mostly in the primary department. There is a marked improvement in the punctual performance of school duties, and in the general social and moral atmosphere of the institution. The rented house which has been occupied for the last two or three years, besides being inconvenient, is much too small to accommodate the increasing demands. On the first anniversary of Miss Loyd's arrival in Mexico, she writes: "The past year has been in most respects a happy one and profitable. I am sure I do not regret having come, and I have the assurance that I am where God designed I should be, and these words are still mine—

"All the way my Saviour leads me,  
What have I to ask besides,"

From time to time Miss Le Huray has given us bright glimpses of missionary life in Mexico through the columns of the *Heathen Woman's Friend*, that have borne fruit in other lives that were consecrating themselves to foreign work.

Miss Warner writes from Puebla, that excepting the change in teachers, the year has been a prosperous one. At the commencement of the year, Miss Swaney entertained great hopes of continuing to teach half of each day, but by the first of May it was evident that her failing health made a return home necessary as soon as practicable. The place has been temporarily supplied,

but there is immediate need of another lady. The school now numbers 42 pupils, eleven of whom are from Protestant families. The new building will be ready for occupancy in December, and Miss Warner says that it is quite satisfactory. Mrs. Lozada, the Bible woman in Puebla has distributed 2382 religious books and tracts during the year.

Early in the present year it was advised by the members of the Mexican Conference that Miss Latimer, who has been assisting Miss Hastings, should open another school in Guanajuato. Twenty-eight girls are now enrolled in this school, and making good progress in their studies. Every Tuesday afternoon is spent at the church, where Miss Latimer holds a woman's meeting, in which all take part, the very little ones who cannot read having been taught a text to repeat. This is followed by the meeting of a society to aid the sick and poor; so religious duties are being enforced as the intellects are trained.

Guanajuato is a hot, unhealthy city, built in a ravine, with a river running through it, over which many of the houses are built, and which receives all the sewage of the city, and never has any water in it except when it rains. The good work here is progressing astonishingly, and all the women of the church meet in Miss Latimer's Bible class.

The school at Orizaba is taught by Miss Loza, one of the first fruits of our mission in Guanajuato. She is said to be an earnest Christian young lady, conscientious and faithful in work. Her brother is pastor of the church in Orizaba, and both he and his wife help forward the work of the girls' school.

At Queretaro, the school under the superintendence of Mrs. Craver is taught by Mary Morris, a young lady of English parentage, but for many years one of our orphanage girls, where she was very useful as an interpreter. She is reported as a good teacher and sincere Christian. Not many pupils are in this school, and most of the church members are from the Indians. Mrs. Butler writes: "The new school building at Miraflores has been completed, and two hundred names enrolled. The opening was attended by the friends of the children, many prominent public citizens, and the local authorities. Our work here receives generous aid from a kind-hearted Englishman, who is the manager and principal owner of a large cotton factory. The interest of his family in our work the past year has been very encouraging. The eldest daughter has recently become a teacher in the Sunday School. She has a class of twenty little folks gathered about her each Sabbath, and her example will undoubtedly have a great influence on the community where she and her family are so greatly esteemed."

The school at Ayapango has been under much disadvantage, being held in the church, but a new school house has been commenced, whose completion is looked forward to with great interest.

Many of our church members in Mexico know what it is to make genuine sacrifices in becoming Protestants. An old lady who formerly lived in ease and plenty, supports herself now by making sweets to sell to children. She was turned out of the house by her husband and children when she renounced

the Catholic religion, and her bed and clothing were burned for fear of contamination with a heretic. The Bible woman in Mexico City is most faithful and devoted, constantly on the watch to do good, and is exerting an excellent influence. In Pachuca the school list shows 120 girls and 45 boys, the latter being in the primary department. The girls of the first class are reviewing their primary studies, the better to prepare them for teaching. Many of the little girls are greatly interested in singing hymns in a class taught by Senorita Cruz Zapata, and the truths learned in this way make lasting impression. Miss Hastings, in writing of her work in Pachuca, says: "Being invited the other day to the house of a prominent lawyer, many questions were asked me about our faith and customs. 'You do not confess,' said one. 'We confess to God, who alone has power to forgive sins,' I replied. 'How do you know he forgives you?' asked the lawyer's wife. 'He has promised to forgive us, and we know it by the testimony of the Holy Spirit in our hearts,' I said. One of the ladies repeated after me, 'the testimony of the Holy Spirit in our hearts,' as though the thought was new and wonderful. How many weary hearts need the peace that comes from this testimony. Mrs. Medina, our Bible reader in Real del Monte, appears to be working earnestly, finding much prejudice, but also many who gladly receive tracts and testaments.

We have been waiting at the gate of Mexico's evangelization for years, entering as opportunity has been given; but now the way is wider; God is preparing the way before his servants; the fields are larger and we see great harvests ungathered. Oh, when will the Christian Church embrace its privileges of bringing in the sheaves?"

### FOREIGN SUMMARY.

	Missionaries.	Assistants.	Med. workers and B. women.	Bd'g Schools.	Pupils in Bd'g School.	Day Schools.	Pupils in Day Schools.	In Orphanages.	Zenanas visited.	Women under instruction.	Hospitals and dispensaries.	Women treated.	Homes, Home- less women.	Inmates.
India .....	23	32	140	14	600	117	3,200	304	2,100	3,850	5	17,187	2	45
China .....	12	.....	12	5	85	37	600	17	.....	52	4	12,000	.....	.....
Japan .....	12	.....	7	3	194	7	245	7	.....	200	1	.....	.....	.....
Korea .....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Bulgaria.....	1	2	3	1	22	2	30	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Italy .....	1	.....	13	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
S. America ..	4	3	.....	1	80	7	400	7	.....	50	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mexico .....	5	6	7	2	16	7	300	30	.....	40	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total .....	59	43	182	26	997	177	4,775	351	2,100	4,192	10	29,187	2	45



*TREASURERS IN THE FOREIGN FIELD.*

TREASURER.	ADDRESS.	ROUTE.	MAILS LEAVE.	POST-GE	NEWSPR POSTAGE.
Louisa E. Blackmar...	Lucknow, India .....	Via Brindisi.....	England, every Friday.....	5c 1/2 oz.	2c ea. 4 oz.
Sarah DeLine.....	Bombay, " .....	" .....	" .....	5c "	2c "
Rev. Dr. J. M. Thoburn	46 Dhurrantolla st, Calcutta	" .....	" .....	5c "	2c "
Carrie J. Jewell.....	Foochow, China.....	" S. Francisco	S. Francisco, 1st & 15th ea. mo.	5c "	2c "
Annie B. Sears.....	Peking, " .....	" .....	" .....	5c "	2c "
Mary C. Robinson....	Chin Kiang, " .....	" .....	" .....	5c "	2c "
Frances Wheeler.....	Chung King, China .....	" .....	" .....	5c "	2c "
Mrs. J. C. Jackson....	Wuhu, China .....	" .....	" .....	5c "	2c "
Matilda A. Spencer...	Tokio, Japan, 14 Akas-hi-cho	" .....	" .....	5c "	2c "
Minnie Hampton.....	Hakodati, Japan .....	" .....	" .....	5c "	2c "
Elizabeth Russell.....	Nagasaki, " .....	" .....	" .....	5c "	2c "
Carrie M. Van Petten.	Yokohama, " .....	" .....	" .....	5c "	2c "
Mrs. Mary F. Scranton	Seoul, Korea.....	" .....	" .....	5c "	2c "
Mrs. Rev. L. M. Vernon	Piazza Poli, 2, Rome, Italy.	" England.....	New York, daily .....	5c "	2c "
Linna Schenck.....	Loftcha, Bulgaria .....	" .....	New York, weekly.....	5c "	2c "
Rev. T. B. Wood.....	Montevideo, S. America .....	" .....	New York, 3d of ea. month	5c "	2c "
Jennie M. Chapin.....	Rosario, " .....	" .....	Boston and N. Y. daily .....	5c "	2c "
Julia E. Goodenough..	Buenos Ayres, " .....	" .....	" .....	5c "	2c "
Mary D. Loyd.....	City of Mexico .....	" .....	By ss. N. Y., every Thurs.	5c "	2c "
Mary Hastings .....	Pachuca, " .....	" .....	" .....	5c "	2c "

*RECEIPTS OF SOCIETY SINCE ITS ORGANIZATION.*

From March, 1869, to April, 1870.....	\$4,546 86
“ April 1, 1870, to April 1, 1871.....	22,397 99
“ “ 1871, to “ 1872.....	44,477 46
“ “ 1872, to “ 1873.....	54,834 87
“ “ 1873, to “ 1874.....	64,399 25
“ “ 1874, to “ 1875.....	61,492 19
“ “ 1875, to Feb. 10, 1876.....	55,276 06
“ Feb. 10, 1876, to “ 1877.....	72,464 30
“ “ 1877, to “ 1878.....	68,063 52
“ “ 1878, to “ 1879.....	66,843 69
“ “ 1879, to “ 1880.....	76,276 43
“ “ 1880, to “ 1881.....	107,932 45
“ “ 1881, to Oct. 1, 1882.....	195,678 50
“ Oct. 1, 1882, to “ 1883.....	126,823 33
“ “ 1883, to “ 1884.....	143,199 14
“ “ 1884, to “ 1885.....	157,442 66
Total receipts from March, 1869, to October 1, 1885.....	\$1,320,060 70
Total receipts for Zenana Paper for year ending October 1, 1885.....	\$16,273 18

## MISSIONARIES OF WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

APPOINT' T	MISSIONARIES.	POSTOFFICE ADDRESS.	BRANCHES.	FORMER RESIDENCE.
1869	Miss Isabella Thoburn	Lucknow, India	Cincinnati	St. Clairsville, O.
1869	Clara A. Swain	Kokatie, "	New England	Castile, N. Y.
1870	Fannie J. Sparkes	Bareilly, "	New York	Binghampton, N. Y.
1872	Gertrude Howe	Chung King, China	Northwestern	Lansing, Mich.
1872	Lucy H. Hoag	Ching-kiang, "	New York	Ann Arbor, Mich.
1872	Lou E. Blackmar	Lucknow, India	Des Moines	West Springfield, Pa.
1874	Susan M. Warner	Puebla, Mexico	Cincinnati	New Orleans, La.
1874	Mary Hastings	Pachuca, "	New York	Blanford, Mass.
1874	Jennie M. Chapin	Rosario, South America	New England	Chicopee, Mass.
1874	Lou B. Denning	" "	Northwestern	Normal, Ill.
1878	Mary F. Swaney	Home on leave.	Baltimore	New Brighton, Pa.
1878	S. A. Easton	Cawnpore, India	Cincinnati	Washington, D. C.
1878	Matilda A. Spencer	Tokio, Japan	Philadelphia	German town, Pa.
1878	M. J. Holbrook	Home on leave.	Cincinnati	Baltimore, Md.
1878	M. E. Layton	Calcutta, India	Baltimore	Wilmington, Del.
1878	Clara M. Cushman	Home on leave.	New England	Fisherville, N. H.
1878	Cecilia Gue'ri	Montevideo, South America	Northwestern	Montevideo, S. A.
1879	Elizabeth Russell	Nagasaki, Japan	Cincinnati	Keyser, West Va.
1879	Jennie M. Gheer	" "	New York	Altoona, Pa.
1880	Julia E. Goodenough	Buenos Ayres, South America	Northwestern	Flint, Mich.
1880	Luella Kelley	Bareilly, India	Baltimore	Baltimore, Md.
1880	Florence E. Nickerson	Lucknow, India	Cincinnati	Clyde, O.
1880	Annie B. Sears	Peking, China	"	Bucyrus, O.
1880	Annie Budden	Home on leave.	Des Moines	India.
1880	Elizabeth Yates	Peking, China	New England	Maine.
1881	Minnie Hampton	Hakodati, Japan	New York	New York.
1881	Mrs. Carrie Van Petten	Tokio, "	Northwestern	Albion, Mich.
1881	Miss Ellen Warner	Rangoon, Burmah	Cincinnati	Berea, O.
1881	Enma S. Knowles	Naini Tal, India	New England	Newark, N. J.
1881	Harriet Kerr	Home on leave.	Philadelphia	Ann Arbor, Mich.
1881	Phœbe Rowe	Lucknow, India	Northwestern	India.

## MISSIONARIES OF WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY—Continued.

APPOINTED	MISSIONARIES.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.	BRANCHES.	FORMER RESIDENCE.
1881	Miss Frances J. Wheeler.	Chung King, China.	Northwestern	Chicago, Ill.
1882	" Estella Akers, M. D.	Tientsin, "	New England	Bath, Maine.
1882	" Anna P. Atkinson.	Tokio, Japan.	New York	Cazenovia, N. Y.
1882	Esther J. De Vine.	Cawnpore, India.	Cincinnati	Marietta, O.
1883	Mrs. Charlotte M. Jewell.	Peking, China.	New York	Fort Jones, Cal.
1883	Miss Rebecca J. Watson.	Tokio, Japan.	Topeka	
1883	" Laura Hyde, M. D.	Cawnpore, India.	New York	Clifton Springs, N. Y.
1883	" Mary McKesson.	Rangoon, Burma.	Des Moines	Berea, O.
1883	" Emma J. Everding.	Nagasaki, Japan.	Baltimore	Syracuse, N. Y.
1883	" Florence N. Hamistar, M. D.	Hakodati, "	Topeka	Oswego, Kansas.
1884	" Ella J. Hewett.	"	Philadelphia	Gilead, Mich.
1884	" Emily L. Harvey.	Cawnpore, India.	New England	South Barton, Vt.
1884	" Mary Christianity, M. D.	Bareilly, "	"	Washington, D. C.
1884	" Fanny M. English.	"	"	Seneca Falls, N. Y.
1884	" Clara A. Downey.	Moradabad, "	New York	Rome, N. Y.
1884	" Margaret C. Hedrick.	Calcutta, "	"	South Charleston, O.
1884	" Sarah De Line.	Bombay, "	Northwestern	Aurora, Ill.
1884	" Mary Reed.	Cawnpore, "	Cincinnati	Crooked Tree, O.
1884	" Hettie Munsell.	"	"	Delaware, O.
1884	" Catharine Corey, M. D.	Foochow, China.	Northwestern	Michigan.
1884	" Mary C. Robinson.	Chin-kiang, "	"	Harmer, O.
1884	" Carrie I. Jewell.	Foochow, "	Cincinnati	London, O.
1884	" Lizzie M. Fisher.	"	Baltimore	Summit, N. J.
1884	" Eleanor Le Huray.	City of Mexico, Mexico.	New York	Hillsboro, O.
1884	" Mary D. Loyd.	"	Philadelphia	Chicago, Ill.
1884	" L. M. Latimer.	Pachuca, Mexico	New England	Muskegon, Mich.
1884	" Linna Schenck.	Lofcha, Bulgaria.	Northwestern	Cleveland, O.
1885	Mrs. M. F. Scranton.	Seoul Korea.	N. Eng. & N. Y.	Chicago, Ill.
1885	Miss Anna D. Gloss, M. D.	Tientsin, China.	Northwestern	Matinsville, N. J.
1885	" Mary C. Elliott.	Bombay	New York	Mt. Pleasant, Pa.
1885	" Theresa J. Kyle.	North India.	Philadelphia	

## MISSIONARIES OF WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY—Continued.

APPOINT'T	MISSIONARIES.	POSTOFFICE ADDRESS.	BRANCHES.	FORMER RESIDENCE.
1885	Miss Sarah Lauck.	North India	Philadelphia	Beaver, Pa.
1885	" E. M. Hall	Rome, Italy	Northwestern	Greensburg, O.
1885	" M. J. Elliott	Nagasaki, Japan	Cincinnati	Syracuse, N. Y.
1885	" Lida Smith	"	New York	Berea, O.
1885	" Julia Wisner	Rangoon, India	Cincinnati	
UNDER APPOINTMENT.				
Miss Anna L. Dyer.	Naini Tal, India	New England.	Andover, Mass.	
" Anna Lawson	North India	Des Moines...	Ottumwa, Ill.	
" Lizzie Hewitt	Puebla, Mexico	Northwestern	Gilead, Mich.	
ACCEPTED, BUT NOT APPOINTED.				
Miss Julia Bonafeld.		Cincinnati...	Tunnelton, W. Va.	
" Oriel Miller.		"	Delaware, O.	
" Hattie Ayer		"	Hillsboro, O.	
" Marietta Green.		"	Hopedale, O.	
" Lydia Wychoff, M. D.		Minneapolis		
" Estella Long, M. D.		Northwestern...		
MISSIONARIES WHO HAVE RETURNED ON ACCOUNT OF ILL HEALTH, AND WHOSE RETURN IS UNCERTAIN.				
APPOINT'T	MISSIONARIES.	WHERE EMPLOYED.	BRANCHES.	PRESENT ADDRESS.
1878	Miss M. E. Priest	Hakodati, Japan.	New York	Auburn, N. Y.
1878	" Eugenia Gibson.	Lucknow, India	"	Albany, N. Y.
1878	" Clara L. Mulliner	Mexico City	"	Camden, N. J.
1879	" Kate C. Bushnell	Kiu Kiang, China	Northwestern	Denver, Col.
1879	" Delia Howe	"	Philadelphia	Lansing, Mich.
1879	Mrs. E. J. M. Clemens	Rosario, South America	Northwestern	Metropolis, Ill.
RESIGNED AFTER TWENTY-FIVE YEARS' SERVICE.				
1878	Miss Beulah Woolston			Trenton, N. J.
1878	" Sarah Woolston.			"

## MISSIONARIES OF WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY—Continued.

APPOINT'T	FORMERLY EMPLOYED.	
	MISSIONARIES.	POSTOFFICE ADDRESS.
1871	Miss Carrie McMillan.	Mrs. Rev. P. M. Buck, Almorah, India
1871	" Maria Brown.	" Rev. G. R. Davis, Peking, China.
1871	" Jennie Tinsley	" Rev. J. W. Waugh, Dwarahat, India.
1873	" S. F. Leming (Mrs. Shepherd)	Health failed. Returned to U. S. May, 1874
1873	" Nannie Monelle, M. D.	Mrs. H. Mansell, Bareilly, India.
1873	" Lucinda L. Coombs, M. D.	" Rev. A. Strittmatter, Columbus, O.
1874	" Letitia Mason, M. D. (Mrs. Quinn)	Health failed. Returned to U. S. Aug. 1876
1874	" Anna Julia Lore	Mrs. Rev. G. H. McGrew, Kingwood, W. Va.
1874	" D. E. Shoemaker.	" Dora S. Soper, Chicago, Ill.
1876	" Mary C. Cary.	" Frank Davis.
1876	" Olive Whiting.	" Rev. C. Bishop, Tokio, Japan
1872	" L. M. Pultz.	Health failed. Returned 1877
1876	" Nettie C. Ogden	Santiago, South America.
1871	" M. L. Porter.	Mrs. Rev. Gamewell, Chung King, W. China
1878	" Margaret Elliott.	Married in 1883
1880	" Kate Woodworth.	Married in 1883
1881	" E. I. Hoy.	Mrs. Lawson, Sectapore, India.
1879	" Mary Sharp	Recalled.
1877	" Leonora Howard, M. D.	Married in 1884.
1878	" Julia A. Sparr, M. D.	Married in 1884.
1883	" M. Hugoboom.	Married in 1884.
1874	" S. Trask, M. D.	Married in 1885.
1882	" E. J. Benton	Married in 1885.
ENTERED INFO REST.		
1875	Miss Letitia A. Campbell.	Died May 18, 1878.
1878	" Susan B. Higgins.	" July 3, 1879.
1876	" Lucilla H. Green, M. D. (Mrs. Cheney)	" September 30, 1878.
1881	" Emma Michener.	" December 11, 1881.
1884	" Ella Gilchrist, M. D.	" April 23, 1884.



## REPORT OF HOME WORK.

### NEW ENGLAND BRANCH.

Includes East Maine, Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, New England, New England Southern, with portions of Troy, New York and New York East Conferences, with headquarters at Boston.

#### OFFICERS.

<i>President</i> ...	MRS. DR. W. F. WARREN, 329 Broadway, Cambridgeport, Mass.	
<i>Cor. Sec'y</i> ..	" M. P. ALDERMAN.....	Hyde Park, " "
<i>Rec. Sec'y</i> ..	MISS C. A. RICHARDSON .....	Malden, " "
<i>Treasurer</i> ..	MRS. J. P. MAGEE.....	" " "

#### CONFERENCE SECRETARIES.

<i>East Maine</i> .....	MRS. S. T. PALMER.....	61 Fourth street, Bangor, Me.
<i>Maine</i> .....	" C. M. WILLIAMS.....	20 Weston street, " " "
<i>New Hampshire</i> ...	" M. S. JUDKINS.....	Bristol, N. H.
<i>Vermont</i> .....	" P. S. BEEMAN.....	St. Johnsbury, Vt.
<i>Troy</i> .....	" C. M. HILLMAN.....	Troy, N. Y.
<i>New England</i> .....	" M. A. DORCHESTER .....	Natick, Mass.
<i>New Eng. Southern</i> "	" M. C. JAMES.....	Rockville, Conn.
<i>N. Y. East</i> .....	" B. C. LOWERY..	316 Lexington avenue, New York.
<i>New York</i> .....	" B. N. CHANDLER, 868 Lexington av.,	New York.

As we reach another mile-stone, and hastily review the way by which He has led us and helped us, we most gratefully acknowledge that "He hath not withholden the request of our lips, and we will give thanks unto His name."

The year has been characterized by work—earnest, persistent work. Conference and District Secretaries, faithful and untiring, report success and growth, steady and healthful, as the result of hearty co-operation of officers and members of the local Auxiliaries.

Mrs. Butler, ever faithful, with strong, inspiring words, has gone from place to place laying upon the hearts of the women a sense of individual responsibility in supplying the women of heathen lands with Gospel light and blessings. Like the traveler ascending the mountain heights, who is compelled to halt for rest and refreshment that he may the better prosecute the journey, so was she obliged to cease work for a season, but is again doing "valiantly" for the work. Mrs. Hoskins, Mrs. Hauser, Mrs. Mudge and Mrs. Scott have been giving their influence and efforts in public and auxiliary meetings, while Miss Cushman has been "everywhere," bearing the wonderful record of her own experiences in the land she loves so well, and to whose daughters she so gladly gives her life, her all.

Conference and camp meeting anniversaries have been seasons of unusual interest, some of the latter of great spiritual power. District Conventions are becoming a necessity, and are among the very best agencies for developing and unifying the work at home.

Young Ladies' Societies are multiplying, many of them conducting their business with intelligence and skill, and infusing a vitality and energy into other departments of church work through the experience and interest secured at this altar. Mission bands, too, are a positive demand in every section of our work. How this increasing interest can be best developed and cared for is a problem of momentous importance, demanding mature, prayerful consideration. Could all limitations be removed, the children could soon be enlisted in one grand army of Missionary workers.

A revival of interest in mite boxes still continues, and 1,375 have been added to those already doing duty in the homes of our people.

We deplore the fact that the list of subscribers to the *Heathen Woman's Friend* for 1885 is only 3,006, and only wish that every woman in our Church would invest fifty cents for this paper, and know the benefit to be received from its monthly messages.

One hundred and ninety-three thousand nine hundred and twenty-four pages of Leaflets have been received and distributed, 1,000 Branch Annuals, and 500 of the Fifteenth Annual Report of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.

Four thousand one hundred pages of Missionary correspondence have been hectographed and sent to Conference and District Secretaries by the Committee having charge of this department. This agency is becoming increasingly popular and useful.

Six hundred and sixty-four dollars and seventeen cents have been raised and added to the Zenana Paper Fund, which now amounts to \$2,685 42, \$2,500 of which is invested at 8 per cent., with first-class securities. We intend to reach \$3,000 before closing the accounts for this fund.

We regret exceedingly the depletion of our forces in the field. Dr. Swain's removal to Khetri may prove to have been of Divine planning, despite the vacancy thereby occasioned at the hospital in Bareilly.

Miss Yates has been very decided about coming home at the close of five years, which occurs December 1st.

The failure of Miss Cushman to return to Peking this fall, on account of the severe and dangerous illness of her mother, and the very urgent request of the Reference Committee that she should remain until next year, may influence her to do so.

Dr. Akers and Miss Benton decide to ignore the claims of our Society upon them, based upon the contract for service made and duly signed when they accepted work from us, transferring themselves to other contracting parties, greatly to our disappointment, and embarrassment as well. With these vacancies staring us in the face, we are compelled to say we have not one can-

didate with which to recruit the ranks. Our petitions earthward and heavenward are importunate. Verily, it is a time of need ! But our Divine leader whispers, "Be not dismayed, for I am thy God. I will help thee, yea, I will strengthen thee." It is ours to obey.

"As he directs we go."

#### SUMMARY OF HOME WORK.

Auxiliaries .....	419
Members .....	11,025
Life members.....	85 new ones, 946
Honorary managers.....	5 " " 38
Life patrons .....	2 " " 12
Conference secretaries .....	9
District secretaries .....	31
Subscribers to H. W. F .....	3,606
Pages of Leaflets .....	193,924
Pages Missionary Letters .....	4,100
Branch Annual Reports.....	1,000
W. F. M. S. Annual Reports .....	500
Mite boxes added this year .....	1,375

#### SUMMARY OF FOREIGN WORK.

Number of Missionaries .....	8
Number of assistants .....	7
Number of medical assistants .....	4
Number of matrons .....	2
Number of Bible women .....	52
Number of pupils in boarding schools and scholarships.....	120
Number of orphans.....	34

#### TREASURER'S REPORT.

Balance in treasury, October 1, 1884 .....	\$1,338 45
Received from October 1, 1884, to October 1, 1885 .....	25,286 07
Total .....	\$26,624 52
Disbursements .....	22,193 79
Balance on hand.....	\$4,530 73

#### RECEIVED FROM AUXILIARIES.

East Maine Conference.....	\$ 375 92
Maine Conference .....	1,400 00
New Hampshire Conference.....	1,333 25
Vermont Conference.....	1,477 52
Troy (fractional) Conference.....	864 21
New England Conference .....	7,080 94
New England Southern Conference.....	2,818 27
New York East (fractional) Conference .....	2,298 60
Total from Auxiliaries.....	\$17,764 80

The Executive Committee of New England Branch meets at 36 Bromfield street, Boston, at 11 A. M., the 2d Wednesday of each month.

## NEW YORK BRANCH.

Includes New York and New Jersey, with headquarters at New York City.

## OFFICERS.

<i>President</i> .....	MRS. JOS. A. WRIGHT	452 Lexington ave., New York.
<i>Cor. Secretary</i> ....	" W. B. SKIDMORE,	230 West 59th st, "
<i>Rec. Secretary</i> ....	" J. H. KNOWLES.....	Madison, N. J..
<i>Treasurer</i> ..	" J. M. CORNELL .....	141 Centre st., New York.
<i>Asst. Treasurer</i> ..	" E. B. HEYDECKER.....	234 West 48th st., "

## CONFERENCE SECRETARIES.

<i>N. Y. Conference</i>	MRS. KENNARD CHANDLER	868 Lexington ave., N. Y.
<i>New York East</i> ..	" A. LOWREY.....	316 " " "
<i>Troy</i> .....	" JOS. HILLMAN.....	Troy, New York.
<i>Central N. Y.</i> ....	" S. B. ROBINSON.....	Clyde, "
<i>Northern N. Y.</i> ...	" GEORGE GOODIER,	52 East Cayuga st., Oswego, N Y.
<i>Genesee</i> .....	" { F. G. HIBBARD.....	Clifton Springs, "
	" { J. T. GRACEY.....	6 Cobb st., Rochester, "
<i>Erie Conference</i> ..	" E. A. TARBELL.....	1263 Main st., Titusville, Pa.
<i>Wyoming Confer.</i>	" D. C. OLMSTEAD.....	Pittston, Pa.
<i>Newark</i> " " "	" J. H. KNOWLES.....	Madison, N. J.
<i>New Jersey</i> " " "	" D. D. LORE.....	Summit, "

To give a detailed account of the work of the New York Branch, at home and abroad, would occupy more space than can be given here, and yet a mere statistical report would not be satisfactory, and would give no idea of the work done—the patient, laborious effort by which all true success is attained, the miles of travel, the organization and re-organization of Auxiliaries, the disappointments and pleasant surprises, the discouragements and encouragements, the unforeseen difficulties arising, the demand on time and patience, and the sacrifice of social life, the hours of thought and prayer—all these must be counted in the work of the Conference and District Secretaries. This year as in the past, we have trusted in the Almighty Power, and God has owned our work. Never has the Blessed Holy Spirit been more manifest in all our district meetings, and camp meeting anniversaries, and in the hearts of the individual workers. Some of these secretaries have gone out with fear and trembling, and returned with joy, giving glory to God. The young women, by their bands of "Willing Workers" and "Helping Hands," have given new life and spirit unto many of the churches, and by their zeal in work and sympathy for the perishing, have roused the latent spirit in the older organizations. We depend on the young people for much of our special work, and this development of interest should be particularly cared for and encouraged, lest their efforts be turned into other channels.

We have no large bequests or donations this year, but the books are filling

up in which God records the sacrifice memberships and the widow's mite. We have depended on the two cents a week contributions and the mite box collections for our quarterly payments to the foreign work. We attribute much of our financial success to the 4,040 mite boxes distributed throughout our Branch. They mean two cents a week and a prayer, and we feel sure the Holy Spirit has used these little voiceless monitors to turn much money into our treasury. We would that every woman could be furnished with one of these boxes; that she might constantly be reminded of the neglected, suffering, ignorant, degraded, superstitious, idolatrous women who form so great a contrast to the hopeful, loving, cheerful, cultivated, blessed life we women enjoy through the knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Our missionary literature has been all we could desire. The leaflets are adapted to all and cover all sources of interest. The demand for them increases all the time. Mrs. Gracey's services in preparing these leaflets are given gratuitously, and no larger donation is made to our Society from any source.

The *Heathen Woman's Friend* has not depreciated in quality or character, and as we read it from month to month, we wonder that any Christian woman can fail to take an interest in its circulation. It is so pure, so full of interest, gives such true pictures of missionary life, and brings humanity so near to our hearts, we seem to understand more clearly why the blessed Jesus was moved with tenderness to say, "Come unto me, all ye weary and heavy laden, and I will give you rest."

We report a larger increase this year than ever before in the number of new Auxiliaries showing interest throughout the Branch in the way of organization, which we think means strength.

The New York Branch supports work in India, Korea, China, Japan, Bulgaria, Italy, South America and Mexico. There are four ladies superintending work in India from this Branch—Miss Sparkes, Miss Hyde, Miss English and Miss Downey. Miss Hyde, M. D., has charge of the medical work in Cawnpore. The other work is scattered through the different districts of India. We have supported medical work in Foochow, China, for eleven years, but Dr. Trask has married and left her place vacant, which, for six months, we have vainly tried to fill. Dr. Hoag, in charge of medical work in Chin Kiang, is doing good work for God and humanity. In Japan there are three ladies supported by this Branch—Miss Atkinson, Miss Gheer and Miss Hampton. In Korea we have the half support of Mrs. Scranton. In Mexico, Miss Hastings at Pachuca, and Miss Le Huray in the City of Mexico. Miss Hedrick reached Calcutta in November last, and has greatly relieved Miss Layton.

As we attempt to review the work of the past year, we are amazed at our want of faith and courage, and confess that too often we have forgotten the source of all our strength. To-day we thankfully acknowledge, though often unrecognized, the guiding hand of God in all our plans and ways. We are more than ever convinced, by results, that the work is Divine. To God be all the glory.

## SUMMARY OF HOME WORK.

Auxiliaries .....	135 increase,	710
Young Ladies' Societies.....		55
Contributing churches, not organized .....		267
Annual members .....	4,243 increase,	26,273
Life members .....	78 "	1,057
Life managers .....	12 "	70
Life patrons .....	1 "	12
Subscribers to H. W. F .....		3,394
Mite boxes .....		4,040

## SUMMARY OF FOREIGN WORK.

Missionaries—two medical .....	13
East India assistants.....	5
Bible women in India .....	34
Bible women in China .....	3
Bible women in Bulgaria .....	1
Bible women in Italy .....	4
Bible women in Mexico.....	2
Day schools in India .....	27
Day schools in China.....	3
Day schools in Japan.....	2
Day schools in Bulgaria.....	1
Day schools in South America .....	1
Day schools in Mexico .....	1
Scholarships in India .....	5
Scholarships in China .....	7
Scholarships in Japan .....	36
Scholarships in Bulgaria.....	5
Orphans in India.....	88
Orphans in Mexico.....	12
Teachers in Mexico .....	3
Sent abroad for new buildings .....	\$4,000 00
Rent and hospital supplies.....	2,500 00
Passage and outfit of Missionaries.....	2,250 00

## TREASURER'S REPORT.

Receipts—Central New York Conference.....	\$3,238 57
Erie Conference .....	439 64
Genesee Conference.....	2,896 58
New York Conference .....	4,656 60
Eastern New York Conference.....	3,893 16
Northern New York Conference.....	2,043 26
Troy Conference.....	3,607 59
Wyoming Conference.....	1,102 59
Newark Conference.....	2,120 52
New Jersey Conference .....	2,679 65—\$27,578 06



Interest in Savings Bank .....	213 15
Outside Conferences .....	45 20
Total receipts .....	\$27,836 41
Balance on hand October, 1884 .....	7,563 77
Total .....	\$35,400 18
Disbursements .....	28,267 41
Balance on hand October, 1885 .....	\$7,132 77
Branch Executive Committee meeting, at 805 Broadway, the 3d Thursday of the month, at 11 A. M.	

### PHILADELPHIA BRANCH.

Includes Pennsylvania and Delaware, with headquarters at Philadelphia.

#### OFFICERS.

<i>President</i> .....	MRS. M. S. WHEELER. . . . .	2349 E. York st., Philadelphia.
<i>Cor. Secretary</i> .....	" J. F. KEEN. . . . .	1209 Arch street, Philadelphia.
<i>Rec. Secretary</i> .....	MISS E. A. TOWNSEND, 1711 Spruce street, Philadelphia.	
<i>Treasurer</i> .....	MRS. M. D. CHAHON, 134 S. Fourth street, Philadelphia.	

#### CONFERENCE SECRETARIES.

<i>Philadelphia</i> .....	MRS. JAS. LONG. . . . .	1529 Girard avenue, Philadelphia, Pa.
<i>Central Penn'a</i> .....	" R. HINKLE. . . . .	Danville, Pennsylvania.
<i>Pittsburgh</i> .....	" W. VAN KIRK, Forbes st., Oakland, Pittsburgh, Pa.	
<i>Erie (fractional)</i> .....	" E. A. TARBELL. . . . .	126 East Main st., Titusville, Pa.
<i>Wilmington (frac.)</i> .....	" E. B. STEVENS, 1221 Market st., Wilmington, Del.	
<i>Wyoming (frac.)</i> .....	" E. L. OLMSTEAD. . . . .	Pittston, Pa.
<i>Central N. Y. (fr.)</i> .....	" J. LOYD JONES (Elmira Dist.) .....	Leona, Pa.
<i>Genesee (frac.)</i> .....	" D. W. C. HUNTINGDON. . . . .	Bradford, Pa.

The most noteworthy fact in the review of the last year's work of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society in Philadelphia Branch, is the steadiness with which the work is increasing. There has been less of impulsive or spasmodic effort in the past year, but a deeper and more intelligent enthusiasm is evident throughout all our borders. The Conference and District Secretaries have gone forward as though they had stood in the Master's presence when He gave authority to His servants, and to every one his work, and have met duty in the power of that personal command, seeking to fill every opportunity, if haply some of the careless daughters who are sitting at ease in Zion may be aroused to claim their privilege in helping to bring in the Kingdom of Christ.

No territory feels business depression more than the coal and iron regions of Pennsylvania, and notwithstanding closed mills and silent forges, our treasury reports from the regular channels show an increase of \$1,464 over the amount received from the same sources last year, exclusive of bequests and

large donations, evidences that a healthy state of conscience towards Missions is growing in our churches.

Forty-three new Auxiliaries have been formed since our last report, and thirty-eight new life members have been added, while our annual membership has increased 750. The Branch has more than met its pledges to the foreign field, adding to its appropriations a large part of the delayed estimates for Hakodati, and the salary of one of the assistants in Bombay.

Our only Missionary in India, Miss Harriet Kerr, was obliged to return home in June, on account of ill health. We regret to lose her devotion and enthusiasm from the foreign field, but trust she may soon recover under the more favorable influences of home and native air.

On October 21st, two of the Missionaries who sailed with the party for India were from Philadelphia Branch, both of them having had their homes in Pittsburgh Conference. We hope much from these consecrated young lives, and would ask continued prayers for them. Our ward, Hu King Eng, as she has progressed in her studies, has also been making her way into the hearts of all those surrounding her. Her beautiful Christian character, and zeal to bring every one to the knowledge of a personal Savior, makes her a valuable as well as dearly loved pupil in her school. In company with Mr. and Miss Sites, she was among those from many nations who added interest to the Missionary Convention at Niagara Falls last August. Having more than filled our proportion for the founding of the Zenana Paper, no special effort has been made in this direction through the last twelve months, but some additional sums have been received.

The Philadelphia Branch purposes to hold the position where the Lord of Hosts has placed her, and in the strength of God to push forward her banners of truth till every woman on the face of the earth shall know she has been redeemed by Jesus Christ.

#### SUMMARY OF HOME WORK.

Auxiliaries .....	30 increase,	370
Members .....	750 "	11,900
Life members .....	38 "	335
Honorary managers .....	..	20
Honorary patrons .....	1 increase,	4
Subscribers to H. W. F .....	50 decrease,	1,947
Mission boxes distributed .....		952
Mission boxes sent .....		3

#### SUMMARY OF FOREIGN WORK.

Missionaries .....	6
Teachers .....	8
Bible women and assistants .....	8
Day schools .....	25
Orphans .....	31
Scholarships .....	38

## TREASURER'S REPORT.

Balance on hand September 25, 1884.....	\$ 8,568 05
Receipts to September 25, 1885.....	15,057 05
Total.....	\$23,625 10
Disbursements.....	\$18,403 58
Balance on hand September 25, 1885.....	\$ 5,221 52

Meeting of Branch Executive Committee at 1018 Arch street, at 10:30 A. M., the first Wednesday of the month.

## BALTIMORE BRANCH.

Includes Maryland, District of Columbia and Eastern Virginia, with headquarters at Baltimore.

## OFFICERS.

<i>President</i> .....	MRS. F. A. CROOK...cor. Madison ave. and Townsend st.
<i>Cor. Secretary</i> ...	MISS I. HART.....176 North Calvert street.
<i>Rec. Secretary</i> ...	MRS. DR. C. MORGAN.....Calverton, Baltimore county.
<i>Treasurer</i> .....	" M. G. HAMILTON.....234 West Fayette street.

## CONFERENCE AND DISTRICT SECRETARIES.

<i>Wilmington Conference (frac.)</i> ...	MRS. E. B. STEVENS, 1221 Market street.
<i>Virginia</i> .....	" .....
<i>Washington</i> .....	" .....
<i>Baltimore</i> .....	" .....
<i>Baltimore District</i> .....	MRS. H. C. TUDOR...Waverly, Baltimore county.
<i>E. Baltimore</i> ".....	" G. G. BAKER.
<i>W.</i> " ".....	" S. M. HARTSOCK.....99 Mulberry street.
<i>Washington</i> ".....	" S. D. LA FETRA.....Washington, D. C.
<i>Cumberland</i> ".....	" .....

We were privileged to commence the year with the inspiration of the meeting of the General Executive Committee within our borders.

The tarrying with us of these holy and devoted women was indeed a blessing. Through that inspiration some new Auxiliaries were organized, others were renewed with quickened life, and many individual hearts felt the touch from which went out virtue. Through the year the influence has remained, and we believe there has been a deepening and a broadening of the work along almost all the lines. The financial receipts is the thermometer by which we generally gauge these things. That this year it falls about fifty dollars below that of last year, is deeply to be regretted, but may probably be explained in this way: The general depression in business is only too apt first to affect our gifts. The effects of the depression would be the more apparent in our Branch, because its circumscribed boundaries prevent that expansion of work or any large increase of Auxiliaries that might compensate for contraction or loss in any direction. Small as our receipts are, as compared

with other Branches, compared with the territory covered by these respective Branches, the returns are as large, or larger, than from any similar area; and it does seem a fitting matter for the consideration of this General Executive Committee, whether the time has not come for the enlargement of that area, and something nearer equalization in the size of the Branch.

Another reason the Branch does not make a larger financial showing, is the entire lack of special offerings, large gifts or bequests among its receipts. So that almost every dollar in our treasury has come through the regular channels, and represents individual thought and faith and love. And glad as we always are to have these special large gifts and bequests, we cannot but believe the deeper, broader basis for permanence and growth in our work is in these individual offerings.

Yet another cause for any deficiency may exist in the peculiar and painful providences hedging in some of its officers during much of the year, preventing that energetic and aggressive work which seems to be a condition of success. But the prayers that went up for, the benedictions that fell upon the work from the bed of the dying saint, may have wrought more for the work than would have been accomplished by the efforts that were thereby prevented.

But it would be ungrateful not to recognize the blessings and progress that have attended the work of the year. "Behold how good and pleasant it is for sisters to dwell together in unity," has been constantly illustrated in its relations and work, and too much could hardly be said of the faithfulness and devotion and loving co-operation of the various Branch officers. Then the leaven of intelligence and interest is steadily working among the members of our church in relation to the cause; the pastors are generally more than willing that it should be presented to their people, and the people are understanding that it is an indispensable factor in the coming of Christ's kingdom.

Twenty new Auxiliaries have been added to the list—620 members. But the item of greatest hope and joy is the increased interest taken by our young people in the work. More Young Ladies' Societies are being organized. One formed during the year already counts 150 members, and has paid into the Branch Treasury \$150. A proposition came from our young people at our recent annual meeting to form a Young People's Missionary Association, to meet quarterly, for better knowledge of each other and methods of work. Then it would be a sight to gladden any heart to note the Busy Bees, the Earnest Workers, the Buds of Promise, Our Little Ones, at their regular monthly meeting, or on those special occasions devised by their ingenuity, sustained by their industry, and brightened by their presence when they make special efforts for this cause. Our young people—God bless them. We sing "The Morning Light is Breaking" with stronger faith and brighter hope, because so many of them are giving their fresh, strong, earnest life to the work, and we are praying for the time when from out their ranks shall step the brightest and best with that uttermost consecration which shall lead them to offer themselves a living sacrifice for this work.

We very much regret the failure of the Branch to meet its obligation of sending a medical lady to West China this year. Diligently through the length and breadth of the land we sought for, but found her not. Shall this meeting be fruitful in finding her? The money lies waiting in our treasury to be thus used. So, as we review the year, with its shortcomings and gains, we bring it to Him for whom this work has been done, praying that He will pardon and supplement the one, that he will accept and use the other, and, above all, that He will so purge workers and work that they may be found unto glory, honor and praise at the appearing of Jesus Christ.

## SUMMARY OF HOME WORK.

Auxiliaries .....	20 increase,	120
Members .....	640 "	4,640
Life members .....	20 "	145
Life managers .....		21
Subscribers to H. W. F .....		\$62

## SUMMARY OF FOREIGN WORK.

Missionaries .....	4
Assi-tants .....	2
Bible women .....	10
Medical students .....	3
Scholarships and orphans .....	65

## TREASURER'S REPORT.

In Treasury October 7, 1884.....	\$ 4.245 58
Receipts from auxiliaries.....	7.618 77
Total .....	\$11,864 35
Disbursements.....	8,609 42
Balance on hand.....	\$3,254 93

Branch Executive Meeting, first Thursday in the month, in the Lecture Room of First M. E. Church.

## CINCINNATI BRANCH.

Includes Ohio, West Virginia, Kentucky, and Tennessee, with headquarters at Cincinnati.

## OFFICERS.

<i>President</i> .....	MRS. BISHOP CLARK ... 310 Elm St., Cincinnati, Ohio.
<i>Cor. Secretary</i> .....	" B. R. COWEN, 313 Kemper Lane, Cincinnati, Ohio.
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<i>Treasurer</i> .....	" WM. B. DAVIS.....310 Elm St., Cincinnati, Ohio.

## CONFERENCE SECRETARIES.

<i>Cincinnati Conf.</i> ....	MRS. J. F. LOYD..... Hillsboro, Ohio.
<i>Ohio</i> .....	" J. H. CREIGHTON ..... Lithopolis, "

<i>Central Ohio Conf.</i>	Mrs. A. S. CLASON.....	Delaware, Ohio.
<i>North Ohio</i>	" .. " H. BENTON...315 Franklin St.,	Cleveland, "
<i>East Ohio</i>	" .. " E. HINGLEY.....	New Philadelphia, "
<i>West Virginia</i>	" .. " T. W. CHIDESTER, Knottsville,	Taylor Co., W. Va.
<i>Kentucky</i>	" .. " G. E. SAVAGE.....	Covington, Ky.

Another year of work in this field has been rounded up. Seed time has been followed by harvest, and the blessings that have come to us have been like the sunshine and the rain—quiet in their influence, but rich in results. With great anxiety the closing quarter of the year was waited for. In discouragements often, there were fears by the way, and, with shame it must be confessed, weak faith faltered sometimes. With another year of financial depression added to last year's embarrassments, with unexpected obstacles, and serious losses, would our bark outride the storm, and carry the bread of life to those who waited for its coming? The tokens have been rendered, and once more we write, "Goodness and mercy have followed us." How often we have to repeat to ourselves the words of the Master to Peter, when sinking in the waves: "Oh, thou of little faith, wherefore didst thou doubt."

The Mighty One who hath hitherto supplied all our needs, hath not forgotten to be gracious, and the year closes with every obligation met, and in addition to last year's appropriation, provision has been made for sending out two Missionaries to supply the urgent need in Nagasaki and Rangoon.

Thirty-seven District Conventions have been held; seven Conference Anniversaries, and special services at eight Camp Meetings. We have been very fortunate in securing the services of a number of Missionaries home on health leave, who yet have freely given toil and care in the home field, when they could have claimed much-needed rest. Dr. and Mrs. J. T. Scott, Dr. and Mrs. N. Sites, Rev. J. E. Scott and wife (our own Emma Moore), Rev. G. I. Stone, and last but not least, Miss Holbrook, whom not having seen, we yet have loved and prayed for for seven years, have given service that will bear fruit in rich returns. Most grateful mention is made of the sweet spirit of union and christian love that has been exhibited among our home workers. They have given care and labor, and much patient waiting, most unselfishly to this work for Christ's sake—who knoweth it all—and the reward is sure.

During the year fifty-one new Auxiliaries, two Young Ladies' Societies, and fifteen Bands have been organized. As we have only counted the living working Auxiliaries, the aggregation is not as large as might be expected with this increase. The work increases in interest among the young people, and the discipline and training received in their organizations are being felt in other branches of church work. Verily our young girls "have a mind to work," and by turning their labors into this unselfish channel we enrich their whole lives, and bring a powerful factor for good into our home churches. Two thousand Branch Annuals and 600 General Executive Reports have been distributed, while leaflets have been sown broadcast. Great satisfaction has been expressed with the leaflets this year, and those bearing on our "uniform study" have been



gladly welcomed. Though the numbers circulated were largely in advance of any previous year, still, there have been none to spare.

It is a matter of regret that our subscription to the *Heathen Woman's Friend* is seventy-three under that of last year. Vigorous work is pledged to repair the waste places.

A sudden emergency called for immediate help in Rangoon. Miss Julia Wisner seemed providentially called to fill the place, but the heavy appropriations taken last year left no provision for sending out Missionaries. A circular letter sent out, addressed specially to the Young People's Societies, brought in enough in extra offerings to send her to Rangoon, and she sailed October 21st. The wonderful opening in Kiu Sin, and Miss Russell's pleading for more helpers, emboldened us to ask leave to send Miss M. J. Elliott to Nagasaki, and she turns her face Westward. We are glad to say others are saying, "Here am I, send me." Those who, though in this favored land are "heirs to all the ages, in the foremost ranks of time," yet loving not home and fatherland less, but Jesus more, ask to carry light to the dark places of the earth.

"If service is the highest lot,  
And angels know no higher bliss,  
Then with what good her cup is fraught,  
Who was created but for this."

May God multiply them a hundredfold, and help us all to realize what it is to give, not the service of a hireling, but the glad allegiance of children of the King.

While deploring our failures, often our unbelief at times, giving God all the glory for the deliverance wrought, we stand on the threshold of another year, and while we know not what lies before us, we do know, by blessed experience

"Oh, earthly flock, fear not forevermore,  
Where'er we walk our Shepherd goes before,"

#### SUMMARY OF HOME WORK.

Auxiliaries.....	51 new ones,	646
Young Ladies' Societies.....	12 " "	67
Bands .....	15 " "	87
Life patrons....		4
Life managers.....	7 " "	75
Life members .....	115 " "	1,040
Members .....		12,500
Members Young Ladies' Societies and Bands.....		3,900
Subscribers to H. W. F.....		2,549
Mite boxes and jugs .....		3,470

#### SUMMARY OF FOREIGN WORK.

Missionaries .....	12
East India zenana teachers .....	2
Bible women in India .....	27
Bible women in China .....	18

Bible women in Italy.....	2
Day schools in India.....	28
Day schools in China.....	6
Day schools in Bulgaria.....	1
Day schools in Mexico.....	1
Scholarships in India.....	42
Scholarships in Japan.....	24
Scholarships in China.....	18
Orphans in India.....	32
Orphans in Mexico.....	4
One boarding school and half support of two others.	
Sent abroad for new buildings.....	\$5,300 00

## TREASURER'S REPORT.

Receipts—From Cincinnati Conference.....	\$6,199 57
“ Ohio Conference.....	5,474 13
“ North Ohio Conference.....	2,403 24
“ East Ohio Conference.....	4,623 35
“ Central Ohio Conference.....	1,946 60
“ Kentucky Conference.....	1,000 00
“ West Virginia Conference.....	651 57
“ Other services.....	805 53
Receipts from October 1, 1884, to October 1, 1885.....	\$23,103 99
Balance from last year.....	3,592 29
Total.....	\$26,696 28
Disbursements.....	23,385 13
Balance on hand.....	3,311 15

## REQUESTS.

Mrs Elizabeth Bedford, Springboro, Ohio.....	100 00
Mrs. Eliza A. Newman, Dayton, Ohio.....	250 00
Mrs. Elizabeth Cooper, Reynoldsburg, Ohio.....	189 24

## NORTHWESTERN BRANCH.

Includes Illinois, Indiana, Michigan and Wisconsin, with headquarters at Chicago.

## OFFICERS.

<i>President</i> .....	MRS. ISAAC R. HITT.....	Evanston, Ill.
<i>Corresponding Sec.</i> “	THOS. A. HILL, 36 Oakwood Boulevard, Chicago, “	
<i>Recording Sec.</i> ... “	L. A. CALDER.....	Evanston, “
<i>Treasurer</i> ..... “	F. P. CRANDON.....	“ “

## CONFERENCE SECRETARIES.

<i>Rock River</i> .....	MRS. C. E. MANDEVILLE.....	Oak Park, Ill.
<i>Central Illinois</i> ... “	J. W. STARK.....	Rock Island, “
<i>Illinois</i> ..... “	J. A. DOUGHERTY.....	Jacksonville, “
<i>Southern Illinois</i> .. “	M. E. SLADE.....	Vandalia, “

<i>Indiana</i> .....	MRS. EMILY F. KELLY .....	Indianapolis, Ind.
<i>North Indiana</i> ....	" B. SMITH .....	Muncie, "
<i>Northwest Indiana</i> "	A. C. MCKINSEY .....	Monticello, "
<i>Southeast Indiana</i> . "	KATE L. HAYNES .....	Connersville, "
<i>Detroit</i> .....	" F. D. YORK .....	Belleville, Mich.
<i>Michigan</i> .....	" E. A. HOAG .....	Martin, "
<i>Wisconsin</i> .....	" E. M. WILSON .....	Breenah, Wis.
<i>West Wisconsin</i> ... "	L. LAWSON .....	Madison "

With gratitude acknowledging the deeper spiritual life which the work of our Society has brought to hundreds of our home workers, we come, bringing the record of our year's endeavors, though incompletely set forth, as they needs must be, in an aggregated report.

The standing committees have been instant in season and out of season, giving much of time and labor in their distinctive work. The Publication Committee have sent forth leaflets by the thousand, and reports by the hundreds, and appeals and circulars in large numbers. The Missionary Literature Committee have not been inactive, but hope, by a furtherance of plans now being inaugurated, to greatly add to the present distribution of missionary intelligence.

The mite boxes have become a mighty standing, pleading army, the present year adding 5373 to their already widely extended ranks. The Photograph Committee was requested, at our annual meeting, to make a new departure, and to publish a small leaflet to accompany each photograph, giving a few facts concerning the lady photographed. The securing these facts has involved a very large correspondence, and the result has been very satisfactory so far as knowledge of the missionaries is concerned, and we trust that when more intelligence concerning the matter is diffused, that the pecuniary results may be equally satisfactory.

Regarding the fund for publishing a zenana paper, our report is not as good as we could have desired, the amount raised being only \$723. The Medical Candidate Committee turned from giving a farewell clasp of the hand to one who had been under their care for three years, to welcome another applicant to their friendly offices and fellowship.

Of bequests we have received four thousand dollars from the estate of Mrs. D. C. Scofield, of Elgin, Ill.; also, six hundred dollars, bequeathed us by Hon. John E. Stillman, of Eau Claire, Wisconsin; besides several smaller amounts from others who have exchanged labor for reward.

The quarterly report of the Branch Corresponding Secretary has been, the last two quarters of the year, published and sent to every Auxiliary in the Branch. By resolution of the annual meeting, the experiment becomes the rule hereafter.

The children have shown such interest in the missionary cause, that at the last annual meeting a constitution and by-laws were adopted for use in their

societies, which should be organized not in but outside of the Sunday schools.

The meetings of the Executive Committee have been very faithfully attended every two weeks of the entire year. A printed letter of dismissal and recommendation, to be given to our sisters who were about to remove to other locations, has been prepared, and in one conference alone 168 of its workers were thus provided with a passport to fellowship and active usefulness. "A training school for missionaries" has also been established in Chicago, which has our most hearty endorsement. Our Society is represented on its Board of Managers; also, in the School and Home by two ladies preparing for future missionary work. Our attention has been called to the desirability of establishing societies among the Germans and Scandinavians of Wisconsin, and in our large cities, and efforts are being made so to do. During the year we have again taken Miss Gertrude Howe as our own missionary; have sent Dr. Anna Gloss to Tientsin, China, and Miss Emma M. Hall to Italy. The free-will offerings have not been lacking. Many boxes of presents have been sent to foreign teachers and scholars, and the annual thank-offering day, the 17th of March, was almost universally observed. The offerings amounted to \$3,282. During the year over three hundred and fifty public meetings have been held, and there have also been held six thousand monthly gatherings in the interests of our work. In the assemblies of the coming year, may there be more constant attendance, more generous gifts, and more devout supplications to a prayer-hearing Father, and these be attended by even greater results at home and abroad.

#### SUMMARY OF HOME WORK.

Auxiliaries.....	915
Members.....	19,000
Life members.....	2,170
Honorary managers.....	53
Honorary patrons .....	11
Subscribers to H. W. F. ....	4,835

#### SUMMARY OF FOREIGN WORK.

Missionaries .....	12
Assistants .....	19
Evangelists .....	9
Orphans and scholarships .....	112
Day schools.....	12
Sent for new buildings, and, etc. ....	\$9,000

#### TREASURER'S REPORT.

Balance on hand October 1, 1884 .....	\$ 7,235 15
Received during the year .....	30,143 85
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	37,379 00
Disbursements .....	39,656 10
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	\$ 3,227 43

## RECEIPTS BY CONFERENCES.

Detroit Conference .....	\$ 3,740 92
Michigan Conference.....	5,681 92
Rock River Conference.....	10,122 77
Central Illinois Conference.....	1,484 65
Illinois Conference .....	2,512 59
Southern Illinois Conference.....	936 05
Indiana Conference.....	781 36
Northwest Indiana Conference .....	2,124 21
North Indiana Conference. ....	2,372 72
Southeast Indiana Conference.....	2,273 78
Wisconsin Conference.....	2,315 97
West Wisconsin Conference .....	1,143 61
Miscellaneous sources .....	907 77
Total .....	\$36,398 32
Less medical education fund .....	249 44
	\$36,148 88

Branch Executive Meeting the second and fourth Fridays of each month, at 9 30 A. M., 161 La Salle street, Chicago.

## DES MOINES BRANCH.

Includes Iowa and Missouri, with headquarters at Des Moines.

## OFFICERS.

<i>President</i> .....	MRS. MARY S. HUSTON.....	Burlington, Iowa.
<i>Cor. Secretary</i> .....	" L. D. CARHART.....	Marion, "
<i>Rec. Secretary</i> .....	" B. GATCHELL.....	Des Moines, "
<i>Treasurer</i> .....	" E. K. STANLEY.....	Des Moines, "

## CONFERENCE SECRETARIES.

<i>Iowa</i> .....	MRS. M. B. POWER.....	Albia, Iowa.
<i>Des Moines</i> .....	MISS L. PEARSON.....	Des Moines, "
<i>Upper Iowa</i> .....	DR. MARY W. PORTER.....	Davenport, "
<i>N. W. Iowa</i> .....	MRS. ISABEL G. WHITFIELD. ....	Sioux City, "
<i>St. Louis</i> .....	" ADA B. HAGERTY.....	St. Louis, Mo.
<i>Missouri</i> .....	MISS LAURA CRAIN .....	Brookfield, Mo.

"Watchman, what of the night?" As this inquiry has passed along our lines to our secretaries, the answer has echoed back, "The morning cometh." As in individual lives there often come long seasons wherein we realize "the trial of our faith worketh patience, and patience experience, and experience hope," so we have proven this year in our Branch. We do not even yet seem to have entirely recovered from the depletion of members and strength occasioned by the division of the Western Branch. We believe the division was wisely made, for as the smaller territory becomes each year more and more

developed, the aggregate appropriations from the States formerly composing the Western Branch will be greatly increased.

We have sorely felt the need of some one in the field who could organize new Auxiliaries, and encourage those already existing. The way for such personal visitation has seemed entirely closed, and we have been obliged to throw all this work upon our faithful Conference and District Secretaries, who are not women of leisure, but in most cases having home cares not a few, and several of them the added arduous duties of the pastor's wife.

In the middle of the year we found ourselves with a deficiency in our treasury. Sometimes, in our anxiety, we almost forgot to cast "all our care upon Him, knowing this work is of His power, by His direction, and for His glory." When we felt very confident we were using our utmost endeavor to accomplish our aim, what remained for us to do farther? Simply this, with prayer and thanksgiving to make known our wants unto Him, and without anxiety to trust Him for final results. What is our experience? He has supplied all our need, and taught us a deeper meaning in His word "all."

We are glad there has been no change in our Executive Board. Our former President, Mrs. Craig, has been afflicted with total blindness, but through outward darkness her heart rejoices in the light of His countenance. At a meeting at Des Moines First Church, on our day of fasting and prayer, she gave as her thank-offering five dollars, which sum was afterwards increased to one hundred and fifteen, and appropriated to make Miss L. Pierson, Secretary of Des Moines Conference, Life Manager.

The vacancy in Missouri Conference is now well filled by Miss Laura Crain, of Brookfield, Mo., as Secretary. The remaining Conferences in our Branch have done well under the faithful services of their former secretaries, whose names have been as a talisman of good for many years.

Of most of our Auxiliaries, it may be said they have done what they could. Many have manifested unusual interest this year, giving beyond their assessment. They have been prompt and business like in monthly meetings, have furnished excellent quarterly public programs, and have shown skill and tact in the management of tea meetings and special entertainments. Some have become discouraged, and have fallen out by the way, but their places have been filled by organization of new Societies.

We have distributed to churches and Auxiliaries within the Branch, through our Conference and District Secretaries 6,950 circulars, showing the territory already occupied and the land to be possessed. The duty of every woman in the church to be a member of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, and special appeals for Christmas and Easter offerings, and a call for a day of fasting and prayer. We received over \$200 each for Christmas and Easter offering. To our day of prayer the Lord gave special answer, enabling us to meet all our obligations, and among the responses, some unknown friend, prompted by His Holy Spirit, sent us \$150. We have distributed 1,000 Branch Reports. Leaflets have been freely scattered, and the claims of the *Heathen*



*Woman's Friend* urged. We regret to record a small decrease in our number of subscribers, but will try for better things another year. Our District meetings have been seasons of unusual interest—fine programs well carried out, thoroughly prepared papers on the various phases of our work have increased courage, given renewed enthusiasm, and strengthened faith. Our annual meeting at Sedalia, Mo., was one of spiritual power, and left upon all hearts a sweet benediction, an earnest of higher, holier resolve and broader work.

We have great encouragement in Miss Dreyer's work among the German churches. These, though often financially feeble, are rich in faith and good works, often giving more in proportion to their means than their sisters in more favored churches.

A number of ladies within our Branch have presented their names this year as Missionary candidates. Some with the desire to enter immediately upon the work, others for preparation. One young lady, Miss Anna Lawson, of Ottumwa, has been accepted, and we shall be glad to feel that the first one to go out from our new Branch is one diligent in business, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord—happy to count her among the number of those whose rare gifts and excellent qualities have given them a place among "the stars that shall shine forever and ever."

The year's work is done and our record rendered. Our Missionaries have broken the alabaster box, fragrant with the perfume of love, prayer and self-sacrifice. We at home have had royal privileges as daughters of the King, having not only had a place in the royal household, but have been granted a share in the work of the Kingdom. For the coming year may our love be more absorbing, our prayers more earnest, our toil incessant, our faith without a doubt—bringing the best we have to His service, that the children may be taught of the Lord, and our sisters in sin-stricken harem or secluded zenana may feel the power of the cleansing blood, and behold the light of the Son of Righteousness.

#### SUMMARY OF HOME WORK.

Auxiliaries .....	312
Members.....	5,628
Life members.....	550
Honorary managers .....	20
Life patrons.....	5
Young Ladies' Societies .....	28
Bands .....	5
Subscribers to H. W. F.....	1,186

#### SUMMARY OF FOREIGN WORK.

Missionaries .....	2
Teachers.....	1
Bible readers.....	7
Orphans.....	40
Day schools .....	1
Scholarships .....	14

## TREASURER'S REPORT.

Balance on hand October 1, 1884 .....	\$ 905 00
Received during the year.....	9,584 05
Total.....	\$10,489 05
Disbursements .....	10,093 88
Balance on hand October 1, 1885 .....	\$ 395 17

## MINNEAPOLIS BRANCH.

Includes Minnesota and Dakota, with headquarters at Minneapolis. Organized December 18, 1883.

## OFFICERS.

<i>President</i> .....	MRS. EMILY HUNTINGTON MILLER....	St. Paul, Minn.
<i>Rec. Secretary</i> .....	" J. M. HEARD.....	Minneapolis, "
<i>Cor. Secretary</i> .....	" MARY C. NIND.....	" "
<i>Treasurer</i> .....	" W. M. HARRISON, 802 2d av.	South Minneapolis.

## CONFERENCE SECRETARIES.

<i>Minnesota Con.</i> ....	MRS. CHARLOTTE S. WINCHELL, E.	Minneapolis, Minn.
<i>Dakota Mission Con.</i> "	I. M. HARTSOUGH.....	Sioux Falls, D. T.
<i>German Work</i> .....	MISS MAGGIE DREYER.....	Armstrong, Kansas.

The second Missionary year in our history has ended, the books are closed, the accounts balanced, the record made by us is on hearts, lives and work, and with "Him whose eyes are in every place, beholding the evil and the good."

It has been a year of peculiar experiences, and of the trial of our faith. Sickness, affliction, bereavement, has been the lot of some of the Branch officers. The feet that have been wont to travel have had to lie still or move limpingly, while the right hand of another lost for a time its cunning, the eyes of the German Conference Secretary for months were under the care of an oculist, the South Dakota Secretary had to leave her home and go East with an invalid daughter, and our President was obliged to seek a warmer climate in Florida. But little aggressive work has been done by them.

Then there have been times of financial straitness, when, as the quarterly remittances were to be made, the officers looked each other in the face with commingled anxiety and hope, remembering the promise, "The righteous cry, and the Lord heareth and delivereth them out of all their troubles." They cried, the Lord did hear and did deliver, and gave us the "garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness."

At a time when the treasury was well nigh empty, at the close of the second quarter, a \$500 bequest was secured, the first the executor had been allowed to settle, and we were glad and grateful again. We have not been unmindful that while we "trust in the Lord," we are also commanded to be

"diligent in business as well as fervent in spirit," so we have sought to use all the means we could command while the Lord shut us in. In April a "memorial call" brought us about \$200. In August, at the suggestion of Mrs. Prescott Vane, a call for prayer that the needed amount, \$1,500, might be secured before the 30th day of September, was made. Prayer was offered, plans were laid and carried out, some prayer meetings were followed, others accompanied by donations, and "He who is able to do exceeding abundantly" has given us more than we asked of Him. To Him be all the glory.

The calls were sent to every charge in Oregon, Columbia River Conference, Montana Mission and Dakota, as well as in the Minnesota Conference. Soon came a report from the indefatigable Secretary, Mrs. Tarr, of Columbia River Conference, of the first Auxiliary organized in Salem, Oregon, by Mrs. M. B. Wire, formerly a student at Evanston, now the wife of the pastor of the church from whose parsonage Bishop E. O. Haven went to glory.

At the meeting of the Conference Mrs. Wire was asked to address the Conference in the interest of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, and much interest was elicited, and more organizations are expected to follow the one in Salem.

Montana Mission has only one Auxiliary, at Fort Benton. The sons of this dear Secretary support an orphan in India.

Columbia River Conference includes part of Oregon, part of Idaho, and part of Wyoming Territory, and has two Auxiliaries within its bounds. Mrs. L. Tarr, Conference Secretary, is still pleading for some one to visit this new country, where there is no enthusiasm in our work, but where they have reached the million line for our General Missionary Society. After Conference she wrote: "I am too timid to do much in a public way, but secured the services of Bishop Walden for an address. Dr. Hines, of the P. C. A., gave a good talk. Distributed the literature as judiciously as I could, and had a meeting with the Ministers' wives." This Conference has sent a fine financial report.

North Dakota Mission—Mrs. D. C. Plannette Conference Secretary. Her report shows growth; more Auxiliaries and Bands, and as a result more money. Fargo Auxiliary, which a year since had about concluded to disband, now leads in Dakota. The anniversary at Conference was deeply interesting, Bishop Walden rendering valuable aid. Mrs. Plannette was made a life member in afternoon session.

In South Dakota Mission but little has been done. During the winter the Secretary, Mrs. I. M. Hartsough was absorbed in evangelistic labor, and since then has been at Clifton Springs with an invalid daughter. There is a vast territory here that needs organizing, and we hope to enter it soon.

German Work, Northwest German Conference.—Miss Maggie Dreyer, Secretary, who has efficiently prosecuted the work within the bounds of our Branch. The Corresponding Secretary was privileged for the first time to attend the session of the Northwest German Conference, and with the Secre-

tary hold two meetings, one with the sisters, the other on Sunday afternoon, in the spacious tent with the great congregation. The results were manifest in the attention given, the hearty responsiveness, and last but not least, in a good collection. We must lay broader plans for our Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, in connection with our German Methodism. Our German brethren and sisters know how to save, and how to give, and in these respects are an example to us.

The annual report shows that though the Secretary of the Minnesota Conference, Mrs. Winchell, was laid aside nearly all the winter months, the work of the Conference has moved on. The interest among the young people has greatly increased. Some of our charges have three societies in them, Senior, Junior, and Mission Band.

The monthly meetings in this Conference are increasing in interest and attendance, the Lesson Leaf, in connection with the Uniform Lessons, is being used, and to these we owe much of the added information which, under the Divine blessing, begets enthusiasm.

More mite chests are in circulation than last year, and the Birthday Offering, which was commenced last year, is swelling the amount sent to the treasury. Leaflets have been widely and generously distributed each year. These messengers become more and more valuable, and to Mrs. Gracey we are more and more indebted.

We are seeking to establish circulating libraries in each Auxiliary, the Auxiliaries or some individual purchasing the books, and charging five and ten cents a week to those who read them, and using the surplus funds for the purchase of other books, so adding to the library. The bequest of \$500 from Mrs. Deibelbries, formerly a member of Centenary Church, Minneapolis, came to us in a time of need, and relieved us from embarrassment.

We have now within the bounds of this Conference a sisterhood of at least 7,000, and our main dependance is on this State. We hope this year will chronicle the doubling of our membership.

Our Conference Anniversary was one long to be remembered. The report of the Conference Secretary was full of interest to the preachers and their wives. Dr. W. A. Spencer delivered an address replete with stirring facts, holy enthusiasm, and godly eloquence, and sang with the spirit and the understanding. A collection followed, and Mr. and Mrs. Spencer were made life members of the Minneapolis Branch.

The annual meeting at Onatonna was a time of refreshing from the presence of the Lord. The delegates were some of our best women; the papers read of a high order; reports full of encouragement; devotional meetings spiritual and fervent. We were highly favored in the presence of Mrs. Julia Lore McGrew. She was with us all through our meeting, giving us facts and suggestions, and encouraging us "in our work of faith and labor of love." She and Mrs. E. H. Miller held a meeting on Sunday afternoon with the children of the Sabbath schools, which will never be forgotten by the children

or adults who were present. In the evening Mrs. McGrew addressed a large congregation, on whom a solemn hush rested, and we felt the Holy Spirit brooded over us. At the close Mrs. McGrew was made a life member of the Onatonna Auxiliary. Our meeting was one of great harmony.

*Heathen Woman's Friend.*—We rejoice to know that our subscription to this, our paper, is larger than last year, and trust this will be our record each succeeding year. The increase of our membership and the stability thereof, depends largely on the information secured, the knowledge of the work at home and abroad, stimulating zeal, strengthening faith, and increasing fervent prayer.

We assumed last year \$4,419, an advance of \$800 over the preceding year. We have met all our obligations, and our balance is twice as large as last year. The Executive Committee, at the annual meeting, resolved on advance, and pledge the Branch for \$5,000 this year, and expect to raise it.

Such is a brief summary of the work of the Minneapolis Branch. I does not represent a tithe of what has been done in detail—the meetings held, the prayers offered, the faith exercised, the seed sown, the sheaves gathered, the tears shed, the doxologies sung, the letters written and received, the gifts on God's altar from the rich and the poor, the donations of the saints on earth, the bequests of those who are now in heaven. All is known to Him who "walketh in the midst of the seven golden candlesticks," and who saith, "I know thy works."

## SUMMARY OF HOME WORK.

Auxiliaries .....	2 increase,	94
Members .....	174 "	2,393
Life members .....	25 "	168
Life managers .....	6 "	25
Life patrons .....		3
Mite boxes .....		300
Subscribers to H. W. F .....	51 new ones,	655

## SUMMARY OF FOREIGN WORK.

Orphans in India .....	15
Scholarships in India .....	19
Scholarships in China .....	31
Scholarships in Japan .....	6
Scholarships in Bulgaria .....	8
Teachers .....	9
Matrons .....	2
Bible readers .....	5
Money expended in buildings, etc .....	\$1,717 00

## TREASURER'S REPORT.

Balance on hand October 1, 1884 .....	\$ 538 94
Receipts for the year .....	5,422 11
Total .....	\$5 961 05
Disbursements .....	4,655 19
Balance on hand .....	\$1,305 86

## CONFERENCES AND MISSIONS.

Bequest .....	\$ 500 00
Minnesota .....	3,327 90
German .....	682 08
Columbia River.....	106 40
Idaho .....	23 50
Puget Sound .....	12 00
Oregon .....	60 75
Dakota Mission .....	143 18
North Dakota Mission .....	268 49
Montana Mission .....	42 60
Total .....	\$5,166 90

## TOPEKA BRANCH.

Includes Kansas, Nebraska, Colorado and Wyoming Territory, with headquarters at Topeka, Kansas.

## OFFICERS.

<i>President</i> .....	MRS. BISHOP NINDE.....	Topeka, Kan.
<i>Cor. Secretary</i> ....	H. E. M. PATTEE.....	Williamsburg, "
<i>Rec. Secretary</i> ....	J. E. TORRINGTON.....	38 E. 6th st., Topeka, "
<i>Treasurer</i> .....	M. J. SHELLEY.....	Wymore, Neb.

## CONFERENCE SECRETARIES.

<i>Kansas</i> .....	MRS. REBA FREEMAN .....	Wyandotte, Kan.
<i>South Kansas</i> .....	" KATE M. RHOADS.....	Chanute, "
<i>N. W. Kansas</i> ....	" F. D. BAKER.....	Clyde, "
<i>S. W. Kansas</i> .....	" C. A. LOOSE .....	Peabody, "
<i>Nebraska</i> .....	MISS MARY K. WALTERS.....	1124 L st., Lincoln, "
<i>North Nebraska</i> ..	MRS. HATTIE HAROVER, 1512 Davenport st., Omaha, "	
<i>West Nebraska</i> ....	" EMMA REEDER SMITH.....	Plumb Creek, "
<i>Colorado</i> .....	" O. L. FISHER.....	59 Central st., Denver, Col.
<i>German</i> .....	MISS MAGGIE DREYER .....	Armstrong, Kan.

As Christ's toilers—nay, as His honored co-workers, we gather at another annual roll call, to bring in and note our gleanings, to feel the courage of each others' presence, and to unitedly praise our Guide in grateful recognition of His tender leadings through the trials and victories of another year, "Grace sufficient." His "I will be with thee," has been our daily strength and made every trial an open door to victory. Each worker has an unwritten history that to her experience and growth is more precious than gold. Every dollar has been met. Nearly every conference has overmet its apportionment, and doxologies fill our hearts; and we sing, "And toil for Him is sweet; Lord, if I may, I'll serve another day!"

Our hope, a year ago, of district conventions over the Branch, has been happily realized in many districts, and others are coming into line. These



conventions have been of untold aid in the dissemination of interest and information, and a credit to our grand corps of district secretaries.

A happy feature of our work this year, we record in the continually awakening and increasing interest among the children and young people; and we gratefully note their eagerness to do more for those who sit in heathen darkness.

God bless the beautiful love and zeal in our twenty young societies. Our latest born is in the Methodist Episcopal College at York, Nebraska, and has fifty-one members of much promise. Nearly all of these societies have enthusiastically undertaken the support of special work.

One young lady of the South West Kansas Conference, with her heart warmed with the Christ-love and missionary spirit, has contributed over \$100 for a Bible reader in Mexico, and special work in China.

One of Christ's little ones, not six years old, a regular member of a senior society, however, in Denver, went out on frosty, bitter mornings of last December, and gathered up \$6.00, that the little children of dark idolatry might know that they, too, were Christ's little ones.

Our band of Conference Secretaries have made good records, and at no time since our existence as a Branch has so systematic labor been accomplished.

The work of the senior societies all over our Branch, forms a bright mosaic of skillful planning, of loving gifts and sacrifices, which blessed record the Master keeps.

Tea and public meetings, flag festivals, mite boxes, quilts, one of which has brought \$58.00; fairs and photographs, boquets and books, have each contributed its share in bringing up our apportionment for the year.

Dr. Bushnell has rendered marked service in her timely addresses in different portions of the Branch.

Thousands of leaflets have been sent out through the Branch, beside much other literature, and 400 General and 1000 Branch Reports have been largely sold.

Through the generosity of Mrs. Jennie F. Willing, we have received 100 copies of "Rosario."

We are happy to record that over 11,000 copies of "Sister Ridnour's Sacrifice" have been sold in the Branches, and that the publishers now offer the large royalty of 50 per cent. on each copy of this delightful work, prepared by our own Mrs. C. F. Wilder, and lovingly laid on Christ's altar for the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.

Desiring that our departed Dr. Gilchrist might still plead for his "beloved Chinese," 1,000 copies of his "Life" were laid on the table of the Branch in March, and a second edition of the same number has since been issued.

The most notable feature of our work for the year has been the praise and thank offering meetings for Mexico in April. The general heartiness and enthusiasm with which this was taken hold of by our societies, and the loving skill and Christian spirit manifested, are very noteworthy. We are sure

Mexico is nearer and dearer, because of the many papers prepared, prayers offered, and loving offerings made for this people, enslaved by Papal power.

Enthusiastic reports came in from different parts of the Branch services, each of which would be interesting in detail, but space forbids, and we will only add to the praise of our dear Redeemer, that He gave the thought of this praise service for Mexico, and it was developed under His leading, and made a blessing in all respects—bringing hundreds of dollars to our treasury. “In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy paths.”

Almost tearfully I lay down the work which has grown dearer with the years, as three times three they have gone by since the Master said: “Do this for Me.” Now, as other work for Him fills my hands, it seems His leading to relinquish this, but on my heart will ever remain the prayer: “Thy Kingdom come,” until all “that sit in darkness shall see a great light.”\*

#### SUMMARY OF HOME WORK.

Auxiliaries.....	190
Members.....	4,309
Life members.....	309
Honorary managers.....	10
Life patrons.....	1
Young Ladies' Societies.....	20
Bands.....	7
Subscribers to H. W. F.....	1,070

#### SUMMARY OF FOREIGN WORK.

Missionaries.....	2
Bible readers.....	7
Teachers.....	4
Orphans.....	37
Scholarships.....	22

#### TREASURER'S REPORT.

Balance from last year.....	\$ 121 03
Receipts for the year.....	7,135 80
Total.....	\$7,256 92
Disbursements.....	6,929 58
Balance on hand.....	327 34
Total.....	\$7,256 92

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\*Mrs. H. M. Shattuck, the efficient Secretary of this Branch for the last two years.

## HOME STATISTICS.

BRANCHES.	Auxiliaries.	Increase.	Members.	Increase.	Life Members.	Increase.	Life Managers.	Increase.	Life Patrons.	Increase.	Mite Boxes.	Subscriptions to H. V. Friend.	Receipts.	Zenana Paper Fund.	Increase.
New England	419	21	11,025	457	946	87	38	5	12	2	1,375	3,006	\$25,286 07	\$2,685 42	285 42
New York	710	135	26,243	4,244	1,059	78	70	12	12	1	4,040	3,394	27,836 91	1,973 51	605 92
Philadelphia	370	30	11,909	750	335	38	20	4	4	1	952	1,947	15,057 05	3,519 31	863 38
Baltimore	120	20	4,640	640	145	20	21	4	4		1,040	862	7,618 77	2,295 70	280 15
Cincinnati	640	51	12,500	50	1,090	115	67	5	9	5	3,470	2,549	23,103 99	2,510 00	511 39
Northwestern	915	51	19,000	.....	2,170	238	53	13	11	5	5,373	4,835	36,378 32	1,844 79	727 62
Des Moines	307	26	5,628	558	550	.....	20	3	5	1	.....	1,186	9,584 05	660 00	165 08
Minneapolis	94	9	2,393	174	168	25	25	6	3		300	655	5,422 11	354 00	147 31
Topeka .....	190	14	4,309	296	309	65	10	3	1	..	.....	4,070	7,135 89	389 45	90 63
Total ...	3,760	357	97,647	3,361	6,742	666	324	47	61	15	15,510	19,502	\$157,442 66	\$16,273 18	\$3,672 82

## REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

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### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PUBLICATION.

WHEREAS, The *Heathen Woman's Friend* has proved a powerful factor in our work, a necessity to its intelligent growth, and a blessing to the women of our beloved Methodism; therefore,

1. *Resolved*, That Mrs. William F. Warren be continued as editor of the *Heathen Woman's Friend*, at a salary of \$700 per year, and a sufficient amount to cover incidental expenses.

WHEREAS, A studious examination of the itemized accounts of the agent of the *Heathen Woman's Friend* shows a wise management and careful, economical use of the funds; and

WHEREAS, The amount of painstaking, clerical labor bestowed upon the paper justly demands better recognition on the part of the Society;

2. *Resolved*, That Miss Pauline J. Walden be continued as agent of the *Heathen Woman's Friend*, with a salary of \$700, and a sufficient amount to meet the incidental expenses of the office.

3. *Resolved*, That the sincere thanks of the Executive Committee be extended to Mr. A. S. Weed for services rendered as auditor of the accounts of the *Heathen Woman's Friend*, and a continuation of the service be requested.

WHEREAS, The accounts of the Leaflet Committee are found by examination to be correct and properly vouched; and

WHEREAS, The leaflets published by our Society are an indispensable agency in the prosecution of our work;

4. *Resolved*, That their publication be continued, and that Mrs. J. T. Gracey be requested to remain the wise and faithful manager of the same.

5. *Resolved*, That the name and address of the Leaflet Committee be retained in each issue of the *Friend*.

6. *Resolved*, That leaflets, especially adapted to the young, be published in yet larger numbers than during the past year.

7. *Resolved*, That in view of the urgent call for missionary intelligence from our German constituency, we recommend the publication of leaflets for their use in their own language.

WHEREAS, Outgoing missionaries are often seriously embarrassed in deciding upon what is necessary for their outfit;

8. *Resolved*, That we recommend that the Committee on Leaflets publish a list of such articles as experience has proven necessary.

WHEREAS, We believe it would be helpful to our auxiliaries to know what leaflets are now in print;

9. *Resolved*, That a classified list of leaflets be printed in the January number of the *Friend*; also, that as new leaflets are published during the year, they be announced in the columns of the *Friend*.

10. *Resolved*, That an appropriation of \$700 be made from the surplus funds of the *Heathen Woman's Friend* for the publication of leaflets, and that \$400 be appropriated for the committee from the same source to procure such assistance as the work demands.

11. *Resolved*, That the Branch treasurers be requested to omit all *special* items from their monthly reports, aggregating the items reported by each Auxiliary into a single amount, thus economizing space in the *Friend*, and diminishing the labor of our hard-worked treasurers.

12. *Resolved*, That Mrs. H. B. Skidmore be requested to reply to the letter of Mr. Eugene Smith, sent by him through her to the Executive Committee.

13. *Resolved*, That in view of the development of our work, we recommend the addition of four pages to the *Heathen Woman's Friend*.

14. *Resolved*, That in response to the call for missionary information in the German language, we recommend that steps be taken to meet this demand monthly during the coming year.

WHEREAS, The uniform plan of study brought before us in the columns of the *Heathen Woman's Friend* the past year has proved a very suggestive source of information; therefore,

15. *Resolved*, That we request Mrs. H. Benton to continue this favor, making such changes as her experience may indicate, and calling such ladies to her assistance as the work may demand.

16. *Resolved*, That we continue to publish in the Annual Report the rules for pronunciation of foreign names.

17. *Resolved*, That we emphasize our former request for the publication in the *Heathen Woman's Friend* of facts concerning our outgoing missionaries.

WHEREAS, Some of the By-Laws by which we are governed do not appear in the later reports,

18. *Resolved*, That the committee for publishing the Sixteenth Annual Report be requested to revise and re-edit the By-Laws, so that all may appear in the report.

19. *Resolved*, That the thanks of this Executive Committee are due Mrs. B. R. Cowen for the valuable service rendered in the preparation of the Fifteenth Annual Report, and we request that, with the assistance of Mrs. W. B. Davis, of Cincinnati, she undertake the publication of the Sixteenth Annual Report, the expense to be defrayed from the surplus funds of the *Heathen Woman's Friend*.

20. *Resolved*, That the proceedings of this General Executive Committee meeting be published in the December number of the *Heathen Woman's Friend*, as heretofore, and that the reports of the standing committees be also published in the Sixteenth Annual Report.

MRS. D. C. OLMSTEAD, *Chairman*.

MRS. C. S. WINCHELL, *Secretary*.

#### COMMITTEE ON MISSIONARY CANDIDATES.

1. WHEREAS, The committee have found the papers of Miss Hattie L. Ayers satisfactory ; therefore,

*Resolved*, That we recommend her acceptance as a missionary, when she shall have reached the prescribed age .

2. WHEREAS, We find the testimonials of Miss Oriel M. Miller entirely satisfactory ; therefore,

*Resolved*, That we recommend her acceptance and appointment.

3. Having examined the testimonials of Miss Lydia J. Wyckoff, and also having been permitted a personal interview ; therefore,

*Resolved*, That we recommend her as a medical missionary when she shall present the required diploma.

4. WHEREAS, The testimonials of Miss Estella C. Long have been found satisfactory, with the exception of the health certificate ; and whereas there is a prospect of her full restoration to health ; therefore,

*Resolved*, That her case, for the present be left with the Northwestern Branch Committee on Missionary Candidates, with the request that they give it special and immediate attention, with the view of removing this slight barrier.

5. WHEREAS, We find the testimonials of Miss Marietta Green, as to Christian character, work, and education of a high order, but the prescribed health certificate and printed questions to missionary candidates do not appear ; therefore,

*Resolved*. That we recommend her acceptance as a missionary when these papers shall be supplied.

MRS. F. G. HIBBARD, *Chairman*.

MRS. E. B. STEVENS, *Secretary*.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NEW WORK.

1. WHEREAS, It seemed impossible to open work in Nanking for want of means ; and whereas, God has unexpectedly supplied this need in the munificent gift from a friend ; therefore,

*Resolved*, That we accept with gratitude the gift, and recommend the opening of work in Nanking as soon as practicable.



2. WHEREAS, The Lord has gone before and stirred the willing heart of a woman of the Minneapolis Branch, who will provide the funds requisite to commence work at Singapore, and as mention is made of women adapted to the service who are available; therefore,

*Resolved*, That we recommend the opening of work at that point as soon as practicable.

MRS. F. G. HIBBARD, *Chairman*.  
MRS. E. B. STEVENS, *Secretary*.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

##### *Official Correspondents.*

MRS. SKIDMORE—Rohilcund District (India), Central China, Korea.  
MRS. ALDERMAN—North China, Yokohama (Japan), South America.  
MRS. KEEN—Tokio (Japan), Mexico.  
MISS HART—Foochow (China), West China.  
MRS. COWEN—Oudh District (India), Nagasaki (Japan).  
MRS. HILL—Bombay (S. India), Bulgari, Italy.  
MRS. NIND—South India.  
MRS. CARHART—Kumaon District (India).  
MRS. PATTEE—Hakodati (Japan).

##### *Foreign Treasurers.*

*North India*—Miss L. E. Blackmar, Lucknow.  
*Bombay*—Miss S. DeLine, Bombay.  
*South India*—Dr. Thoburn, Calcutta.  
*Foochow*—Miss Carrie Jewell, Foochow.  
*North China*—Miss A. B. Sears, Peking.  
*Central China*—Miss M. C. Robinson, Chin Kiang.  
*West China*—Miss F. Wheeler, Chung King.  
*Wuhu*—Mrs. J. C. Jackson, Wuhu.  
*Tokio*—Miss M. A. Spencer, Tokio.  
*Hakodati*—Miss M. Hampton, Hakodati.  
*Nagasaki*—Miss E. Russell.  
*Yokohama*—Mrs. C. Van Petten.  
*Italy*—Mrs. L. M. Vernon, Rome.  
*Bulgaria*—Miss L. Schenck, Loftcha.  
*Montevideo*—Mr. T. B. Wood.  
*Buenos Ayres*—Miss J. E. Goodenough.  
*Rosario*—Miss J. M. Chapin.  
*Mexico*—Miss M. De F. Loyd.  
*Pachuca*—Miss M. Hastings.

## MISCELLANEOUS.

In reference to the Training School, the following resolution was passed:

WHEREAS, The General Executive Committee of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society have heard with interest the statements of Rev. Mr. Parkhurst concerning the Methodist Missionary Training School of Chicago; therefore,

*Resolved*, That this Society approve the objects of this school in providing a technical education for missionary candidates, and will be glad to co-operate with the enterprise as far as is in its power.

Mrs. Dr. T. A. Hill and Mrs. Danforth, of Chicago, were appointed to represent the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society in the Board of Managers of the Training School.

Concerning the neglected grave of Mrs. Ann Wilkins, action was taken as follows:

WHEREAS, We have learned with deep pain of the neglect and threatened obliteration of the grave of Mrs. Ann Wilkins, one of the pioneers in woman's missionary work; therefore,

1. *Resolved*, That the General Executive Committee of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society take charge of the remains of the honored dead, and provide for them a suitable resting place.

2. *Resolved*, That the Chairman of this Committee, appointed by the General Executive Committee, be requested to prepare an appeal to the women of Methodism, asking for ten cent contributions, until a sum be procured sufficient to buy a lot, remove the remains, and erect a simple monument in some suitable place, and that she request the *Heathen Woman's Friend* and our church papers to publish this appeal.

3. *Resolved*, That Woodlawn Cemetery, near Newburg, N. Y., be selected for this purpose.

4. *Resolved*, That Mrs. Kennard Chandler be requested to act as treasurer of this fund, and report aggregate contributions from each Branch through the *Heathen Woman's Friend*.

A committee representing the nine Branches was appointed, as follows: New England, Mrs. Dr. Magee; New York, Mrs. K. Chandler, Mrs. F. G. Hibbard; Philadelphia, Mrs. E. B. Stevens; Baltimore, Mrs. D. C. Morgan; Cincinnati, Miss H. A. Smith; Northwestern, Mrs. Wilson; Des Moines, Mrs. M. W. Porter; Minneapolis, Mrs. J. P. Wagner; Topeka, Mrs. M. J. Shelley. Treasurer, Mrs. Kennard Chandler.

WHEREAS, The missionaries of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, in passing through San Francisco, have met unvarying kindness and assistance from Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Otis Gibson; therefore,

*Resolved*, That this General Executive Committee express to Dr. and Mrs. Gibson our sincere thanks, with the prayer that to them may be verified the promise given to those who gave the cup of cold water in the name of a disciple.

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## PLAN FOR UNIFORM STUDY.

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PREPARED BY MRS. H. BENTON.

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*January*—The outlook; backward and forward.

*February*—Open doors.

*March*—Bulgaria.

*April*—Individual responsibility.

*May*—Nankin.

*June*—Singapore.

*July*— { “Other sheep have I.”  
General survey of Missionary effort throughout Christendom.  
*August*— { Heathen Lands.

*September*—Mexico.

*October*—Missionaries of the Bible.

*November*—Objects of worship in various lands; or, The quest of the nations for God.

*December*—For how long? or, Occupy till I come.

# APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1885-6 BY BRANCHES.

## NEW ENGLAND BRANCH.

### India.

<i>Naini Tal</i> , lady to be sent .....	\$ 850 00
<i>Pithoragarh</i> , assistants \$225, plowmen \$75 .....	300 00
<i>Roi Bareilly</i> , Mrs. Grant's salary .....	300 00
Rent \$100, conveyance \$84 .....	184 00
Bible readers \$237, 3 schools \$158 .....	395 00
<i>Bijnour</i> , Miss Torndorf's salary .....	225 00
Munshi .....	25 00
Boarding school .....	100 00
Bible readers .....	100 00
City schools .....	175 00
Conveyance .....	84 00
<i>Najibabad</i> , two schools .....	109 00
Bible woman, etc .....	67 00
<i>Manduir</i> .....	150 00
<i>Moradabad</i> , Girls' Board'g School .....	750 00
Miss Seymour's salary .....	275 00
Matron \$60, repairs \$63 .....	123 00
City schools \$334, conveyance \$84 .....	418 00
Zenana and mohulla work .....	209 00
Inspectress .....	40 00
Dr. Christianity's salary .....	650 00
Medicines .....	375 00
<i>Bareilly</i> , Girls' Orphanage .....	612 00
Medical work .....	275 00
Medicines, etc .....	375 00
<i>Amroha District</i> .....	866 00
Medical lady to be sent (prov'l) .....	1,200 00
Total for India .....	\$9,232 00

### China.

<i>Peking</i> , Miss Cushman .....	\$ 600 00
Teacher \$100, incidentals \$150 .....	250 00
Boarding school expenses .....	600 00
Chinese day school .....	100 00
Matron .....	40 00
Enlarging school .....	250 00
Traveling expenses .....	100 00
Rebuilding Home .....	1,000 00
<i>Tientsin</i> , Miss Yates' ret, passage .....	500 00
Dispensary assistant .....	100 00
Matron .....	50 00
Hospital watchman .....	50 00
Gatekeeper .....	50 00
Hospital coolie .....	60 00
Lady to be sent .....	1,500 00
<i>Wuhu</i> , scholarships .....	150 00
<i>Chin Kiang</i> Home (provisional) .....	250 00
Total for China .....	\$5,650 00

### Japan.

<i>Tokio</i> , six scholarships .....	\$ 320 00
Watchman .....	100 00
<i>Hakodati</i> , six scholarships .....	240 00
<i>Nogasaki</i> , six scholarships .....	240 00
<i>Yokohama</i> , lady to be sent .....	1,500 00
Bible women in training .....	250 00
Furocho school \$300, repairs \$100 .....	400 00
Insurance \$40, ground rent \$60 .....	100 00
Total for Japan .....	\$3,150 00

### Korea.

Half of Mrs. Scranton's salary, personal teacher, etc .....	\$ 511 00
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### Bulgaria.

<i>Loftcha</i> , scholarships .....	\$ 120 00
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### Italy.

<i>Asti</i> , Mrs Cavalleri's salary .....	\$ 150 00
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### South America.

<i>Rosario</i> , Miss Chapin's salary ..	\$ 600 00
Miss Chapin's incidentals ..	150 00
Gratuitous education .....	200 00
Repairs and taxes .....	150 00
<i>Montevideo</i> , assistants .....	300 00
<i>Buenos Ayres</i> , assistants .....	100 00
Second school .....	150 00

Total for South America .....	\$1,650 00
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### Mexico.

<i>City of Mexico</i> , rent .....	\$ 200 00
Orphans .....	160 00
Bible women and supplies .....	100 00
<i>Miraflores</i> , Miss Garcia's salary ..	300 00
School books .....	100 00
Rent of house .....	100 00
<i>Pachuca</i> , assistant teachers .....	600 00
<i>Guanaquata</i> , Miss Latimer's sal..	600 00
Miss Latimer's incidentals .....	150 00
Expenses to Conference .....	25 00
Porter .....	144 00
<i>Puebla</i> , additional property .....	500 00
Building Home in City of Mexico (provisional) .....	1,500 00

Total for Mexico .....	\$4,479 00
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### Tsun Hua.

Contingent .....	\$2,000 00
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Total for Branch .....	\$26,942 00
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## NEW YORK BRANCH.

### Inaia.

<i>Pithoragarh</i> , repairs and addition to Home .....	\$ 417 00
Boarding school .....	60 00
Village work .....	125 00
<i>Lucknow</i> , Third assistant .....	225 00
Bible readers .....	200 00
<i>Ellenfur</i> , Bible readers .....	75 00
Schools .....	30 00
<i>Hurdur</i> , Bible readers and schools ..	284 00
<i>Unao</i> , Bible readers and schools ..	192 00
<i>Cawnpore</i> , Miss Hyde's salary .....	650 00
Assistants \$175, conveyance \$84 ..	259 00
Rent for dispensary .....	75 00
Medical Bible reader .....	70 00
<i>Moradabad</i> , Miss Downey's salary ..	650 00
Mohulla and village work .....	208 00
Boarding school .....	30 00
<i>Budaon</i> , Mrs. Butterfield's salary ..	150 00
Bible readers .....	150 00
<i>Kakrala</i> , schools and Bible readers ..	50 00

<i>Bilsi</i> .....	84 00
<i>Bisouli</i> , schools and Bible r'ders .....	100 00
<i>Bareilly</i> , Miss English's salary ..	650 00
Orphanage .....	1,400 00
Two assistants, at \$250 each .....	500 00
Bible r'ders \$240, conveyance \$84 ..	324 00
City schools .....	367 00
<i>Fasidpur</i> , schools and Bible r'ders ..	75 00
<i>Bisalpur</i> , schools and Bible r'ders ..	75 00
<i>Baberi</i> , schools and Bible readers ..	50 00
<i>Khera Bajhera</i> , schools and Bible readers ..	75 00
<i>Aoula</i> , schools and Bible readers ..	150 00
<i>Fathagunge</i> , schools and Bible readers ..	180 00
<i>Philibet</i> , schools and Bible r'ders ..	91 00
Home salary of Miss Sparkes ..	350 00
Total .....	\$8,371 00

*South India.*

<i>Bombay</i> , Miss Elliott's salary ....	\$ 650 00
Miss Elliott's pundit .....	100 00
Conveyance .....	150 00
Miss Cassidy's salary .....	240 00
Furniture .....	100 00
Total .....	\$1,240 00

Total for India .....

\$9,611 00

*North China.*

<i>Peking</i> , Miss Jewell's salary and incidentals .....	\$ 750 00
Mrs. Jewell's teacher \$75, cistern \$50 .....	125 00
Bible reader \$50, coolie \$54 .....	104 00
Rebuilding Home .....	500 00
Enlarging school building .....	250 00
<i>Tientsin</i> , Bible woman .....	50 00
School .....	50 00
<i>Tsun Hua</i> , building (provisional) ..	1,000 00
Total .....	\$2,829 00

*Central China.*

<i>Chin Kiang</i> , salary and incidentals of Dr. Hoag .....	\$ 750 00
Bible reader \$50, incidentals \$25 ..	75 00
Medicine \$250, schools \$400 .....	650 00
Orphans .....	100 00
Building Home .....	500 00
<i>Wuhu</i> , board of girls .....	150 00
<i>Nankin</i> , a lady to be sent .....	1,200 00
Total .....	\$3,425 00

<i>Foochow</i> , Hospital expenses .....	\$ 400 00
Medical students .....	70 00
Medical lady to be sent .....	1,200 00
Teacher .....	72 00
Total .....	\$1,742 00

Total for China .....

\$7,996 00

*Japan.*

<i>Tokio</i> , Miss Atkinson's salary and incidentals .....	\$ 750 00
Teacher \$100, scholarships \$280 ..	380 00
Day school at Tamachi .....	180 00
Day school at Fukagawa .....	175 00
Bible reader .....	60 00
<i>Nagasaki</i> , salary and incidentals of Misses Gheer and Smith ..	1,500 00

Scholarships \$640, teacher \$60 ...	700 00
Insurance \$159, repairs \$200 .....	359 00
<i>Fukuoka</i> , house rent .....	72 00
Bible reader .....	50 00
<i>Hakodati</i> , Miss Hampton's salary and incidentals .....	750 00
Teacher \$120, scholarships \$520 ..	640 00
Insurance \$250, house rent \$108 ..	353 00
<i>Hirosala</i> school .....	150 00
Conference expenses .....	40 00

Total .....

\$1,938 00

Total for Japan .....

\$6,164 00

*Korea.*

Mrs. Scranton's salary, in part ...	\$ 375 00
Teacher .....	36 00
Contingent to work .....	100 00

Total for Korea .....

\$ 511 00

*Bulgaria.*

<i>Rustchuk</i> , school and Bible reader ..	\$ 330 00
<i>Loftcha</i> , five scholarships .....	200 00

Total for Bulgaria .....

\$ 530 00

*Italy.*

Mrs. Campari, Milan .....	\$ 160 00
Mrs. Polsinelli, Naples .....	160 00
Mrs. Tollis, Bari .....	150 00
Mrs. Conte, Venoso .....	150 00

Total for Italy .....

\$ 620 00

*South America.*

<i>Montevideo</i> , assistant .....	\$ 600 00
<i>Buenos Ayres</i> , school .....	200 00

Total for South America .....

\$ 8.0 00

*Mexico.*

<i>Mexico City</i> , salary and incidentals of Miss Le Huray .....	\$ 750 00
Scholarships .....	720 00
Teacher of music .....	105 00
Rent of house \$300, piano \$50 ..	350 00
<i>Pachuca</i> , salary and incidentals of Miss Hastings .....	750 00
Bible woman \$60, supplies \$40 ...	100 00
<i>Queretaro</i> , salary of teacher .....	300 00
Rent .....	240 00
School supplies \$40, repairs \$30 ..	70 00
Bible reader and supplies .....	100 00
Building in Mexico City (provis'l) ..	2,000 00

Total for Mexico .....

\$5,485 00

Contingent .....

\$1,000 00

Total for Branch .....

\$32,715 00

## PHILADELPHIA BRANCH.

*India.*

<i>Paori</i> , Miss Mispelaur's salary ...	\$350 00
Orphanage and board'g school ..	250 00
Bible reader .....	20 00
Repairs \$84, village schools \$155 ..	239 00
<i>Lucknow</i> , 1st assistant .....	300 00
Bible reader .....	50 00
Nine city schools .....	334 00
Assistant \$62, conveyance \$84 ..	146 00

<i>Balrampur</i> , Bible reader and school .....	60 00
<i>Adjijija</i> , Bible reader and school .....	65 00
<i>Cawnpore</i> , Bible readers .....	120 00
Conveyances .....	200 00
Eight city schools .....	339 00
<i>Bijnour</i> , Mrs. Worthington .....	250 00
Girls' boarding school .....	138 00
<i>Budaon</i> , Miss Goodwin's salary .....	225 00
<i>Bareilly</i> , orphanage .....	40 00
Salary of Miss Theresa Kyle .....	650 00
Salary of Miss Sarah Lauck .....	650 00

Total ..... \$4,786 00

#### *South India.*

*Bombay*, Miss E. B. Power's sal'y ..... 216 00

Total for India ..... \$5,002 00

#### *China.*

<i>Tsun Hua</i> , land for building .....	300 00
<i>Wuhu</i> , scholarships \$60, fuel \$65 .....	125 00
Stationery and books .....	50 00
Medicines .....	25 00
<i>Chin Kiang</i> , orphans .....	75 00
Dispensary expenses .....	250 00
<i>Kiu Kiang</i> , sending a lady .....	1,200 00
Teacher .....	60 00
<i>West China</i> , orphans .....	75 00
Matron .....	30 00
Furniture \$30, cook \$30 .....	60 00
Day school .....	50 00
<i>Foochow</i> , sending trained nurse .....	1,200 00
Yeng Ping .....	100 00

Total for China ..... \$3,600 00

#### *Japan.*

<i>Tokio</i> , scholarships \$440, i. s. \$240 .....	680 00
Salary of Miss Spencer .....	600 00
Incidentals .....	150 00
Teacher \$100, Bible woman \$60 .....	160 00
Day school at Arakusa .....	200 00
Traveling expenses .....	250 00
Additional building (provisional) .....	500 00

Total ..... \$2,540 00

<i>Hakodati</i> , Miss Hewitt's salary .....	600 00
Incidentals .....	150 00
Scholarships \$360, teacher \$120 .....	480 00
Fuel and lights \$250, matron \$120 .....	370 00
Mrs. Green's Bible women, with house rent .....	150 00
Expenses to Conference .....	40 00

Total ..... \$1,790 00

<i>Nagasaki</i> , scholarships .....	200 00
<i>Fukuoka</i> Bible women .....	50 00

Total ..... \$250 00

Total for Japan ..... \$4,580 00

#### *Korea.*

Mission work ..... \$100 00

#### *Bulgaria.*

<i>Loftcha</i> , 1st assistant .....	\$375 00
Scho arships .....	80 00
<i>Sistof</i> , primary school .....	120 00
Bible work .....	100 00

Total ..... \$675 00

#### *Italy.*

<i>Modena</i> , Mrs. Cruciani, B. woman .....	\$250 00
<i>Venice</i> , Mrs. Stazi, Bible woman .....	250 00

Total ..... \$500 00

#### *South America.*

*Buenos Ayres*, 2d school ..... \$300 00 |

#### *Mexico.*

<i>Mexico City</i> , salary, Miss Loyd .....	\$600 00
Incidentals .....	150 00
Matron and sewing teacher .....	300 00
Rent of house .....	250 00
Scholarships .....	320 00
<i>Puebla</i> , Bible woman, salary and supplies .....	100 00
Purchase of additional property for school .....	775 00
<i>Guanajuato</i> , music teacher .....	100 00
Rent .....	260 00
School furniture and supplies .....	150 00
For building in Mexico city (provisional) .....	2,000 00

Total ..... \$5,005 00

Conditional ..... 1,000 00

Grand Total ..... \$20,762 00

### BALTIMORE BRANCH.

#### *India.*

<i>Naini Tal</i> , assistant's salary .....	\$250 00
Schools \$167, conveyance \$30 .....	247 00
<i>Paori</i> , Mrs. Whitby's salary .....	275 00
Mrs. Whitby's itinerating .....	70 00
Bible readers .....	40 00
<i>Dwarahath</i> , eight pupils .....	144 00
Schools and Bible readers .....	100 00
Teacher .....	50 00
<i>Nawab Gunge</i> , Bible reader .....	30 00
School .....	35 00
<i>Cawnpore</i> , Bible reader .....	60 00
<i>Moradabad</i> , Miss Maggie Seymour .....	275 00
Scholarships .....	195 00
<i>Bareilly</i> , orphans .....	300 00
Bible reader .....	60 00
Miss Kelly's return .....	500 00
Lady to be sent .....	1,200 00

Total ..... \$3,831 00

#### *South India.*

Miss Layton's return ..... \$500 00 |

Total for India ..... \$4,331 00

#### *China.*

<i>Foochow</i> , Miss Fisher's salary .....	\$600 00
Incidentals .....	150 00
Teacher .....	72 00
Watchman .....	42 00
Boarding school .....	200 00
Enlarging yard .....	35 00
East St. Dispensary .....	400 00
East St. Deaconess .....	36 00
Three medical students .....	105 00
Ku Cheng day schools .....	300 00

Total ..... \$1,940 00



*West China.*

<i>Chung King</i> , passage and outfit of medical lady.....	\$1,800 00
Current expenses.....	250 00
Orphans.....	75 00

Total ..... \$2,125 00

Total for China..... \$4,065 00

*Japan.*

<i>Tokio</i> , five scholarships.....	\$200 00
<i>Kanda</i> , day school.....	150 00
<i>Nagasaki</i> , Miss Everding's salary.....	600 00
Incidentals.....	150 00
Scholarships \$200, teacher \$60...	260 00
Mrs Bishop's Bible woman.....	75 00
<i>Fukuoka</i> , Bible woman.....	36 00
<i>Yokohama</i> , Bible women.....	50 00

Total ..... \$1,521 00

*Italy.*

<i>Rome</i> , Bible woman.....	\$250 00
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Total..... \$250 00

*Mexico.*

<i>City of Mexico</i> , orphans.....	\$240 00
New building (provisional) .....	250 00

Total ..... \$490 00

Contingent.....	1,000 00
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Total for Branch..... \$11,657 00

## CINCINNATI BRANCH.

*India.*

<i>Naini Tal</i> , Miss Mansell's salary.....	\$650 00
<i>Lucknow</i> , Miss Thoburn's salary.....	650 00
Scholarship \$120, repairs \$167...	287 00
Bible readers.....	200 00
Bible readers' house.....	84 00
Miss Nickerson's salary.....	650 00
Conveyance and repairs.....	209 00
<i>Seetapore</i> , enlarging school house.....	245 00
Boarding school.....	213 00
Teachers.....	125 00
Bible readers.....	500 00
Conveyance.....	75 00
Assistants.....	225 00
Schools \$203, munshi \$10.....	213 00
<i>Cawnpore</i> , Miss De Vine's salary.....	650 00
Miss Reed's salary.....	650 00
Repairs and books.....	87 00
<i>Barabanki</i> , schools and Bible readers.....	309 00
<i>Bijnour</i> , scholarship.....	150 00
<i>Moradabad</i> , scholarship.....	125 00
<i>Bareilly</i> , orphans.....	600 00
<i>Shahjehanpore</i> , assistant.....	250 00
Munshi.....	25 00
Bible readers \$225, schools \$334.....	559 00
<i>Tilthur</i> , schools and Bible readers.....	84 00
<i>Pawayon</i> , schools and Bible readers.....	84 00
<i>Jalahabad</i> , schools and Bible readers.....	84 00
Miss Easton's return passage...	500 00
Sending out a lady.....	850 00

Total ..... \$9,333 00

*South India.*

<i>Poonah</i> , Mrs. Blackstock's school.....	120 00
Burmah district.....	200 00

Total..... \$320 00

Total for India..... \$9,653 00

*China.*

<i>North China, Peking</i> , Boarding school.....	\$130 00
Miss Sear's salary and incidentals.....	750 00
Teacher \$75, gate-keeper \$58.....	133 00
Rebuilding Home.....	1,000 00
<i>Foochow</i> , Miss Jewell's salary, incidentals and teacher.....	822 00
Girls' boarding school.....	200 00
Ten women in training school.....	200 00
Painting school house.....	75 00
<i>Hing Hua</i> , day school.....	300 00
Womans' school.....	450 00

Total for China..... \$4,060 00

*Japan.*

<i>Tokio</i> , scholarship.....	\$200 00
Repairs.....	150 00
Fuel and lights.....	200 00
Miss Holbrook's Home salary.....	350 00
<i>Nagasaki</i> , scholarship.....	600 00
Misses Russell and Elliott.....	1,200 00
Incidentals and teachers.....	420 00
Ground rent \$275, repairs \$200...	475 00
<i>Hakodati</i> , scholarship.....	120 00
Repairs and books.....	200 00

Total..... \$3,915 00

Return of Miss Holbrook..... 450 00

Total for Japan..... \$4,365 00

*Italy.*

<i>Turin</i> , Bible reader.....	\$150 00
<i>Perugia</i> , Bible reader.....	50 00

Total for Italy..... \$3.0 00

*South America.*

<i>Montevideo</i> , assistant teachers .....	\$500 00
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*Mexico.*

<i>Mexico City</i> , two teachers in orphanage.....	\$275 00
Porter.....	225 00
Rent for house.....	150 00
Scholarships.....	320 00
<i>Orizaba</i> , Miss Loza.....	360 00
Rent for school.....	260 00
Furniture.....	75 00
<i>Puebla</i> , Miss Warner's salary and incidentals.....	750 00
Miss Orcillez's salary.....	650 00
School supplies.....	100 00
Expenses to conference.....	30 00
Porter \$100, water tax \$12.....	112 00
To purchase property.....	1,000 00
Building in Mexico City (provis'l) .....	1,500 00

Total for Mexico..... \$5,807 00

Contingent..... 2,315 00

Total for Branch..... \$27,000 00

## NORTHWESTERN BRANCH.

*India.*

<i>Dwarahath</i> , boarding school.....	\$144 00
Matron \$25, teachers \$65 .....	90 00
<i>Bhabar</i> , schools and Bible readers .....	145 00
<i>Paori</i> , orphanage .....	240 00
<i>Pithoragarh</i> , farm manager .....	10 00
Boarding school .....	180 00
<i>Lucknow</i> , Miss Rowe's salary .....	350 00
Miss Singh \$275, scholarship \$30 .....	305 00
Second assistant .....	222 00
<i>Cawnpore</i> , two assistants .....	450 00
<i>Bijnour</i> , boarding school .....	300 00
Repairs \$134, matron \$60 .....	194 00
<i>Moradabad</i> , boarding school .....	200 00
Itinerating .....	42 00
Mrs. Smith's salary .....	250 00
Repairs .....	58 00
<i>Chandausi</i> , Bible readers .....	125 00
Schools .....	80 00
<i>Budaon</i> , boarding school .....	60 00
Conveyance .....	84 00
Mrs. Neeld's munshi .....	25 00
Itinerating \$42, repairs \$42 .....	84 00
Medicines .....	42 00
New conveyances .....	105 00
<i>Bareilly</i> , orphanage .....	428 00
Servants' houses \$417, munshi \$50 .....	467 00
<i>Panahpore</i> .....	125 00
<i>Shahjehanpore</i> , conveyance .....	125 00
Total .....	\$5,015 00

*South India.*

<i>Bombay</i> , Miss De Line's salary .....	650 00
Miss Power's salary .....	240 00
Miss Bellcham's salary .....	216 00
Conveyances \$150, pundits \$96 .....	246 00
Furniture \$100, rent \$300 .....	400 00
<i>Madras District</i> .....	200 00
<i>Calcutta</i> , Bengali school .....	240 00
Total .....	\$2,212 00
Total for India .....	\$7,324 00

*North China.*

<i>Peking</i> , building Home .....	\$1,000 00
Boarding school .....	100 00
Traveling expenses .....	150 00
<i>Tientsin</i> , Dr. Gloss' salary and incidentals .....	750 00
Teacher \$120, gate keeper \$50 .....	170 00
Hospital expenses .....	400 00
Conveyance \$35, rep's, etc., \$150 .....	185 00
<i>Tsun Hua</i> , wall around compound .....	600 00
Total .....	\$3,355 00

<i>Foochow</i> , hospital expenses .....	400 00
Repairs .....	150 00
Insurance \$25, watchman \$42 .....	67 00
Dr. Corey, salary and incidentals .....	750 00
Teacher \$100, b'ding school \$300 .....	400 00
Watchman .....	42 00
Insurance \$32, repairs \$40 .....	72 00
Day schools .....	300 00
Day school Ing Chung .....	250 00
Traveling expenses .....	120 00
Total .....	\$2,531 00

*Central China.*

<i>Wuhu</i> , grading and fencing .....	\$ 50 00
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Teacher .....	60 00
Nurses \$72, servants \$144 .....	216 00
Clothing and bedding .....	170 00
<i>Chin Kiang</i> , Miss Robinson's salary and incidentals .....	750 00
Dwelling \$600, teacher \$84 .....	684 00
Building (provisional) .....	1,500 00
Four orphans .....	80 00
<i>Nankin</i> , building .....	4,000 00
Lady to be sent .....	1,200 00

Total .....

*West China.*

<i>Chung King</i> , Misses Wheeler and Howe, salary and incidentals .....	\$1,500 00
Three orphans .....	75 00
Teachers \$144, medicines \$25 .....	169 00
Trav. exp. \$25, repairs \$50 .....	75 00
Taxes \$5, exchange \$150 .....	155 00

Total .....

Total for China .....

*Japan.*

<i>Tokio</i> , scholarships .....	\$680 00
Native teachers .....	400 00
Writing teacher .....	60 00
Ground rent .....	275 00
Tracts and papers .....	50 00
Building .....	500 00
<i>Nagasaki</i> , scholarships .....	200 00
<i>Hakodati</i> , scholarships .....	260 00
Two teachers .....	250 00
<i>Yokohama</i> , Mrs. Van Peiten's salary .....	750 00
Personal teacher .....	100 00
Bible woman .....	150 00
Traveling expenses .....	150 00
Kanagawa school .....	300 00
Kanagawa watchman .....	60 00
Books, etc .....	75 00
Nogeyana school .....	200 00

Total for Japan .....

*Korea.*

For property .....	\$500 00
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*Bulgaria.*

<i>Loftcha</i> , Miss L. Schenck's salary .....	\$600 00
Incidentals .....	150 00
Scholarship \$240, furniture \$150 .....	390 00
Fountain \$70, out building \$65 .....	135 00
New roof .....	182 00
Painting .....	20 00
Repairs \$40, postage \$5 .....	45 00

Total for Bulgaria .....

*Italy.*

Passage .....	\$200 00
Miss Hall's salary .....	600 00
Furniture \$100, incidentals \$150 .....	250 00
Expenses contingent to work .....	500 00
<i>Bologna</i> , Bible reader .....	250 00

Total for Italy .....

*South America.*

<i>Rosario</i> , Miss Denning's salary and incidentals .....	\$750 00
Gratuitous education .....	250 00

Assistants .....	350 00
Furniture .....	800 00
<i>Buenos Ayres</i> , Miss Goodenough's salary and incidentals .....	750 00
Rent \$460, taxes \$60 .....	520 00
Assistants \$200, 2d school \$200 ..	400 00
<i>Montevideo</i> , Miss Guelfi's salary ..	600 00
Incidentals .....	150 00
Furniture \$250, repairs \$80 .....	380 00
Assistants .....	600 00
Total for South America ....	\$5,000 00

*Mexico.*

<i>Mexico City</i> , Treasurer's exp's, postage and stationery .....	\$50 00
Internal revenue stamps and exchange .....	80 00
Salary, primary teacher, Miss Wilson .....	480 00
Rent of house .....	700 00
Small repairs and incidentals ..	100 00
School furniture .....	75 00
School books and stationery .....	200 00
Physician's fee and medicines ..	185 00
Beds and bedding .....	100 00
Scholarships .....	480 00
Building in Mexico City (provisional) .....	2,000 00
<i>Pachuca</i> , school teachers .....	420 00
School supplies .....	100 00
Repairs and garden .....	185 00
Porter .....	180 00
<i>Puebla</i> , lady to be sent, outfit and passage .....	350 00
Furniture .....	100 00
Ass't while learning language ..	400 00
Salary, incidentals and teacher ..	850 00
Building .....	1,500 00
Total for Mexico .....	\$8,335 00
Contingent .....	613 00
Total for Branch .....	\$46,000 00

## DES MOINES BRANCH.

*India.*

<i>Paori</i> , orphans \$50, med. work \$42 ..	\$ 92 00
<i>Pithoragarh</i> , Miss Budden's salary ..	650 00
Matron .....	50 00
<i>Lucknow</i> , Matron .....	225 00
<i>Gondak</i> , three Bible readers .....	219 00
<i>Barach</i> , five Bible readers and conveyance .....	275 00
<i>Budaon</i> , Girls' boarding school ..	205 00
<i>Datagang</i> , schools and B. readers ..	25 00
<i>Bareilly</i> , orphans .....	400 00
Miss Lawson's outfit, pas'ge, etc ..	1,200 00
Total for India .....	\$3,341 00

*North China.*

<i>Peking</i> , boarding school, fifteen scholarships .....	\$ 870 00
Building Home .....	500 00
<i>Tientsin</i> , training school and current expenses .....	200 00
Training school coolie .....	60 00
Training school teacher .....	60 00
Total .....	\$1,190 00

*West China.*

<i>Chung King</i> , Mrs. Gamewell's personal teacher .....	\$ 72 00
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*Central China.*

<i>Chin Kiang</i> , building Home .....	\$250 00
<i>Foochow</i> , boarding school .....	200 00
<i>Hok Chiang</i> , day school .....	450 00
Sending missionary to Kiu Kiang ..	1,200 00
Total for China .....	\$3,362 00

*Japan.*

<i>Tokio</i> , five scholarships .....	\$200 00
One native teacher .....	140 00
Matron and sewing teacher .....	1 0 00
Medical attendance .....	125 00
<i>Nagasaki</i> , three scholarships .....	120 00
<i>Hakodati</i> , six scholarships .....	240 00
One teacher .....	150 00
Total for Japan .....	\$1,125 00

*Bulgaria.*

Second assistant, Mrs. Kassova ..	\$250 00
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*Italy.*

<i>Pisa</i> , Bible woman, Mrs. Palmieri ..	\$150 00
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*South America.*

<i>Rosario</i> , education, girls .....	\$75 00
Assistant teachers .....	100 00
Repairs and taxes .....	150 00
<i>Montevideo</i> , assistants .....	200 00
<i>Buenos Ayres</i> , ragged school .....	150 00
Rent .....	500 00
Total for South America ....	\$1,175 00

*Mexico.*

<i>Mexico City</i> , rent of house for school .....	\$250 00
Light .....	125 00
<i>Guanajuato</i> , salary of Mexican assistant .....	360 00
Rent of Home .....	250 00
Water tax .....	12 00
Salary of Bible woman .....	60 00
Supplies .....	40 00
<i>Pachuca</i> , evening school .....	50 00
Building in Mexico City .....	500 00
Total for Mexico .....	\$1,647 00
Contingent .....	950 00
Total for Branch .....	\$12,000 00

## MINNEAPOLIS BRANCH.

*India.*

<i>Paori</i> , orphanage and boarding school .....	\$90 00
<i>Pithoragarh</i> , boarding school .....	100 00
Teachers .....	75 00
Home matron \$35, medicines \$42 ..	77 00
<i>Lucknow</i> , first assistant .....	275 00
Munshi .....	50 00
<i>Colonel Gunge</i> , Bible readers .....	40 00
Schools .....	75 00
<i>Bijnour</i> , village work .....	190 00
Itinerating .....	82 00
<i>Budaon</i> , scholarships .....	280 00
Mrs. Goodwin's salary .....	250 00

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Munshi.....	25 00
Girl's schools \$209, B. r'ders \$50	259 00
Bareilly, orphanage .....	170 00

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\$1,988 00

Lady to be sent .....	1,200 00
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Total .....	\$3,188 00
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*South India.*

Allahabad, native work .....	\$200 00
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Total for India .....	\$3,388 00
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*Singapore.*

To open woman's work .....	\$3,000 00
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*China.*

Wuhu, Bible women .....	\$42 00
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Chin Kiang, building (conditio'l)	250 00
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*West China.*

Pupils \$125, teacher \$72 .....	\$197 00
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Matron \$30, orphans \$75 .....	105 00
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Total for China .....	\$594 00
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*Japan.*

Tokio, scholarship .....	40 00
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Native teacher .....	148 00
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Hakodati, five scholarships .....	200 00
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Total for Japan .....	\$389 00
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*Mexico.*

Mexico City, orphans .....	\$80 00
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Home (conditional) .....	250 00
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Puebla, building .....	200 00
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Total for Mexico .....	\$530 00
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*Bulgaria.*

Loficha, scholarships .....	\$160 00
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*South America.*

Rosario, assistant teachers .....	\$250 00
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Contingent .....	300 00
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Total for Branch .....	\$8,602 00
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## TOPEKA BRANCH.

*India.*

Dwarahath, orphans .....	\$72 00
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Paori, three orphans .....	90 00
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Bible reader .....	20 00
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Pithorogark, seven girls .....	120 00
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Lucknow, Miss Blackmar's salary	650 00
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Munshi .....	50 00
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Bible reader .....	50 00
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Horses and conveyances .....	84 00
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Budaon, nine girls in school .....	205 00
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Kashing, school .....	50 00
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Bareilly, orphans .....	500 00
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Womans' school .....	50 00
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Munshi \$30, itinerating \$21 .....	71 00
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Total for India .....	\$1,962 00
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*China.*

Peking, Tartar City day school .....	\$100 00
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*West China.*

Chung King, two orphans .....	\$50 00
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Furniture .....	50 00
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Scholarship .....	125 00
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Gate keeper \$60, watchman \$30.	90 00
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Foochow, deaconess .....	42 00
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Hok Chiang, schools .....	200 00
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Deaconess .....	36 00
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Total for China .....	\$693 00
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*Japan.*

Tokio, two scholarships .....	\$80 00
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Teachers .....	100 00
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Miss Watson's salary .....	600 00
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Incidentals .....	150 00
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Nagasaki, one scholarship .....	40 00
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Fukuoka, school teacher .....	250 00
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Hakodati, five scholarships .....	200 00
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Dr. Hamisfar's salary .....	600 00
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Incidentals .....	150 00
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Personal teacher .....	100 00
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Dispensary, furnish'g medicines	
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and servants .....	375 00
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Total for Japan .....	\$2,645 00
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*Korea.*

For work .....	\$250 00
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*Bulgaria.*

Two scholarships .....	\$80 00
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*Mexico.*

Mexico City, rent of house .....	\$250 00
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Orphans .....	160 00
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Ayapango, salary of teacher .....	300 00
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Supplies .....	50 00
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Bible woman .....	60 00
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Bibles and tracts .....	40 00
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Travel and postage in supervis'n	30 00
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Puebla, ground to be bought .....	275 00
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Total for Mexico .....	\$1,165 00
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*South America.*

Rosario, assistant teacher .....	\$100 00
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Contingent .....	200 00
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Total for Branch .....	\$7,120 00
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## SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1885-1886.

BRANCH.	INDIA.	CHINA.	JAPAN.	MEXICO.	SOUTH AMERICA.	ITALY.	BULGARIA.	KOREA.	SINGAPORE.	CONTINENT.	TOTALS.
New England.	\$9,282 00	\$7,650 00	\$3,150 00	\$4,479 00	\$1,650 00	\$150 00	\$120 00	\$511 00	.....	\$2,000 00	\$25,942 00
New York.	9,611 00	7,996 00	5,664 00	5,485 00	800 00	620 00	539 00	511 00	.....	1,000 00	32,716 00
Philadelphia.	3,002 00	3,800 00	4,380 00	5,005 00	300 00	500 00	675 00	100 00	.....	1,000 00	20,762 00
Baltimore.	4,331 00	4,065 00	1,321 00	490 00	.....	250 00	.....	.....	.....	1,000 00	11,657 00
Cincinnati.	9,653 00	4,060 00	4,365 00	5,807 00	500 00	300 00	.....	.....	.....	2,315 00	27,000 00
Northwestern.	7,324 00	16,590 00	4,480 00	8,355 00	5,000 00	1,800 00	1,522 00	500 00	.....	613 00	46,000 00
Des Moines.	3,341 00	3,362 00	1,125 00	1,017 00	1,175 00	150 00	250 00	.....	.....	950 00	12,000 00
Minneapolis.	3,888 00	594 00	380 00	530 00	.....	.....	160 00	.....	3,000 00	300 00	8,602 00
Topeka.	1,962 00	693 00	2,645 00	1,165 00	100 00	.....	80 00	250 00	.....	200 00	7,095 00
Totals	\$53,844 00	\$46,810 00	\$27,910 00	\$82,913 00	\$9,775 00	\$3,770 00	\$3,337 00	\$1,872 00	\$3,000 00	\$9,378 00	\$192,774 00

## LIST OF REAL ESTATE BELONGING TO W. F. M. S.

INDIA.			
<i>Bijnour</i> .—School Building	\$3,000 00	<i>Kiu Kiang</i> .—School Building and Home (Dispensary \$600)	\$7,000 00
<i>Budan</i> .—School Building	3,000 00	<i>Faachom</i> .—School Building	4,000 00
<i>Bareilly</i> .—Home (43 acres)	12,500 00	Hospital	6,000 00
Hospital	9,000 00	<i>Tientsin</i> .—Hospital and Home	12,000 00
Orphanage	3,000 00	Wuhu School	2,000 00
<i>Moradabad</i> .—School Building	2,000 00	WEST CHINA.	
Home	3,500 00	<i>Chung King</i> .—Home and School	5,000 00
<i>Lucknow</i> .—School Building	3,000 00	JAPAN.	
Home	7,350 00	<i>Tokio</i> .—School Building	10,000 00
Boarding Halls	2,300 00	<i>Hakodati</i> .—Home and School	10,000 00
Home for Friendless	4,500 00	<i>Yagasaki</i> .—Home and School	10,000 00
Home	9,000 00	<i>Iokohama</i> .—Memorial Home	3,500 00
<i>Cawnpore</i> .—School Building	4,000 00	MEXICO.	
Home	4,000 00	<i>Pachuca</i> .—Home	5,500 00
<i>Paori</i> .—Orphanage	1,500 00	<i>Puebla</i> .—Home and School	12,000 00
<i>Gonda</i> .—School Building	300 00	SOUTH AMERICA.	
<i>Almorak</i> .—Sanitarium	4,000 00	<i>Rosario</i> .—Home and School Building	10,000 00
<i>Pithoragarh</i> .—Adeline Newman Home	1,500 00	BULGARIA.	
<i>Naini Tal</i> .—School Building	13,000 00	<i>Loftcha</i> .—Boarding School	4,500 00
CHINA.		Total	\$201,236 00
<i>Peking</i> .—Hospital	5,500 00		
Home and School	7,976 00		

# CONSTITUTION

OF THE

## WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

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### ARTICLE I.—NAME.

This Association shall be called "THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH."

### ARTICLE II.—PURPOSE.

The purpose of this Society is to engage and unite the efforts of Christian women in sending female Missionaries to women in the foreign Mission fields of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and in supporting them and native Christian teachers and Bible readers in those fields.

### ARTICLE III.—MEMBERSHIP.

The payment of one dollar annually shall constitute membership, and twenty dollars life membership. Any person paying one hundred dollars shall become an Honorary Manager for life, and the contribution of three hundred dollars shall constitute the donor an Honorary Patron for life.

### ARTICLE IV.—ORGANIZATION.

The organization of this Society shall consist of a General Executive Committee, Co-ordinate Branches, Auxiliary Societies, to be constituted and limited as laid down in subsequent articles.

### ARTICLE V.—GENERAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

SECTION I. The management and general administration of the affairs of the Society shall be vested in a General Executive Committee, consisting of the Corresponding Secretary and two delegates from each Branch, which delegates, together with two reserves, shall be elected at the Branch annual meetings, said meetings to be held within two months before the meeting of the General Executive Committee. Said committee shall meet at Boston, the third Wednesday in April, 1870, and annually or oftener thereafter, at such time and place as the General Executive Committee shall annually determine.

SEC. 2. The duties of the General Executive Committee shall be—

1. To take into consideration the interests and demands of the entire work of the Society, as presented in the reports of Branch Corresponding Secretaries, and in the estimate of the needs of Mission fields; to ascertain the financial condition of the Society; to appropriate its money in accordance



with the purposes and method herein indicated; to devise means for carrying forward the work of the Society; fixing the amounts to be raised; employing new Missionaries, designating their fields of labor, examining the reports of those already employed, and arranging with the several Branches the work to be undertaken by each.

2. To appoint a committee, consisting of one from each Branch, to have charge of the Missionary paper of the Society, and to arrange for the publication of an annual report of the work of the Society.

3. To transact any other business that the interests of the Society may demand, provided all the plans and directions of the committee shall be in harmony with the provisions of the Constitution.

#### ARTICLE VI.—BRANCHES.

SECTION 1. The organizations already formed at Boston, New York, Philadelphia, Chicago and Cincinnati, shall be regarded as Co-ordinate Branches of this Society, on their acceptance of this relationship under the provisions of the present Constitution.

SEC. 2. Other Branches may be organized in accordance with the following general plan for districting the territory of the church:

DISTRICTS.	STATES.	HEADQUARTERS.
I. New England States .....		Boston.
II. New York and New Jersey.....		New York.
III. Pennsylvania and Delaware.....		Philadelphia.
IV. Maryland, District of Columbia and Virginia.....		Baltimore.
V. Ohio, West Virginia, Kentucky and Tennessee .....		Cincinnati.
VI. Illinois, Indiana, Michigan and Wisconsin.....		Chicago.
VII. Iowa and Missouri.....		Des Moines.
VIII. Minnesota, Dakota, Montana, Idaho, Washington Territory and Oregon.....		Minneapolis.
IX. Kansas, Nebraska, Colorado and Wyoming.....		Denver.
X. Arkansas, Mississippi, Louisiana and Texas.....		New Orleans.
XI. North Carolina, South Carolina, Alabama, Georgia and Florida .....		Atlanta.
XII. Pacific Coast.....		San Francisco.

This plan, however, may be changed by an affirmative vote of three-fourths of the members of the General Executive Committee present at any annual meeting of the same.

SEC. 3. The officers of each Branch Society shall consist of a President, not less than ten Vice-Presidents, a Recording Secretary, a Corresponding Secretary, a Treasurer, an Auditor, and not less than ten Managers. These, with the exception of Auditor, shall constitute an Executive Committee for the administration of the affairs of the Branch, nine of whom shall be a quorum for the transaction of business. These officers shall be elected at the annual meeting of the Branch, and shall continue in office until others are chosen in their stead.

SEC. 4. The President, or one of the Vice-Presidents, shall preside at all meetings of the Branch and of its Executive Committee.

The Recording Secretary shall notify all meetings of the Branch and of the Executive Committee, and shall keep a full record of the proceedings.

The Corresponding Secretary shall, under the direction of the Executive Committee, conduct the correspondence of the Society with foreign missionaries, with the other Branches, and with its Auxiliary Societies (hereinafter mentioned), and shall endeavor, by all practical means, to form Auxiliary Societies within the prescribed territory of the Branch. It shall also be her duty to present to the annual meeting of the General Executive Committee a report of the work of the Branch during the year, for publication in its annual report.

The Treasurer shall receive all contributions to the Branch, keeping proper books of account, and shall make such disposition of the funds as the Executive Committee may direct, each order of the committee being duly signed by the Corresponding Secretary.

SEC. 5. The Executive Committee shall have supervision of all the work assigned to the Branch by the General Executive Committee, and may order the disbursement of the funds required for that work, provide for all the wants, and receive all the reports of the Missionaries, Bible Women, and Teachers, who, by the plan of the General Executive Committee, are to be supported by the Branch.

SEC. 6. No Branch shall project new work or undertake the support of new Missionaries, except by the direction or with the approval of the General Executive Committee.

SEC. 7. Each Branch may make its own by-laws regulating its meetings and those of the Executive Committee, also any others which may be deemed necessary to its efficiency, not inconsistent with this Constitution.

#### ARTICLE VII.—AUXILIARY SOCIETIES.

Any number of women who shall contribute not less than ten dollars annually may form a Society auxiliary to that Branch of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, within whose prescribed territorial limits they may reside, by appointing a President, three or more Vice-Presidents or Managers, a Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer, who together shall constitute a local Executive Committee.

#### ARTICLE VIII.—RELATION TO THE MISSIONARY AUTHORITIES OF THE CHURCH.

SEC. 1. This Society shall work in harmony with and under the supervision of the Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church. The appointment, recall, and remuneration of Missionaries, and the designation of their fields of labor, shall be subject to the approval of the Board of Managers

of the Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and annual appropriations to Mission fields shall be submitted for revision and approval to the General Missionary Committee of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

SEC. 2. All Missionaries sent out by this Society shall labor under the direction of the particular Conferences or Missions of the Church in which they may be severally employed. They shall be annually appointed by the President of the Conference or Mission, and shall be subject to the same rules of removal that govern the other Missionaries.

SEC. 3. All the work of the Woman's Society in foreign lands shall be under the direction of the Conferences or Missions, and their committees, in exactly the same manner as the work of the Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, the Superintendent or Presiding Elder having the same relation to the work and the person in charge that he would have were it in the charge of any member of the Conference or Mission.

SEC. 4. The funds of the Society shall not be raised by collections or subscriptions taken during any of our church services, nor in any promiscuous public meetings, nor in any Sunday-schools, but shall be raised by such methods as the Constitution of the Society shall provide, none of which shall interfere with the contributions of our people and Sunday-schools for the treasury of the Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and the amount so collected shall be reported by the preacher in charge to the Annual Conference, and be entered in a column among the benevolent collections in the annual general minutes.

SEC. 5. Section 4 of this article shall not be so interpreted as to prevent the ladies from taking collections in ladies' meetings convened in the interest of their Societies, nor from securing memberships, life memberships, etc., in audiences where their work is represented, nor from holding festivals or arranging lectures in the interests of their work.

#### ARTICLE IX.—CHANGE OF CONSTITUTION.

This Constitution may be changed at any annual meeting of the General Executive Committee by a two-thirds vote of each Branch delegation, notice of the proposed change having been given at the previous annual meeting; but Article VIII. shall not be changed except with the concurrence of the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

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### BY-LAWS OF THE GENERAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

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- I. The General Executive Committee shall convene not later than the last week in October.
- II. The annual meetings of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of

the Methodist Episcopal Church shall be held in such places as the said committee shall elect.

III. The President and Corresponding Secretary of the Branch within whose precincts the meeting of the General Executive Committee is to be held, shall fix the exact date of the meeting of said committee, and arrange for the anniversary exercises.

IV. The Branch Corresponding Secretaries shall meet at least one day before the time of the meeting of the General Executive Committee, for the purpose of nominating the members of the Standing Committees, and planning work for its session, and report the same at the opening of said committee.

V. The Corresponding Secretary of the Branch within the bounds of which the committee convenes shall preside over its meetings until a permanent organization is effected.

VI. The order of business shall be as follows:

1. Calling the roll.
2. Election of President and Secretary.
3. Appointment of Standing Committees, *i. e.* Committee on Publication, Committee on Finance, Committee on Application of Missionary Candidates, Committee on By-Laws.
4. Reports of Corresponding Secretaries.
5. Report of Committee of Reference.
6. Report of Constitutional Committee on *Heathen Woman's Friend*.
7. Report of Official Correspondents and presentation of information from foreign work.
8. Memorials, petitions and estimates.
9. Fixing place of next meeting.
10. Notice of constitutional amendments.
11. Miscellaneous business.
12. Reports of Standing Committees daily, immediately after reading of minutes.

VII. The rules of order shall be as follows:

1. Each session shall open and close with devotional exercises.
2. All resolutions to be discussed shall be presented in writing.
3. All ladies speaking shall rise when they address the Chair.
4. No member shall be granted leave of absence except by a vote of the entire body.

VIII. It shall be the duty of the Recording Secretary of the General Executive Committee to forward to our foreign treasurers, as soon as practicable after adjournment, a copy of the appropriations for each Mission.

IX. The Secretary of each meeting of the General Executive Committee shall keep a full record of all proceedings, and enter them upon a suitable book of record, which shall be deposited in the safe of the *Heathen Woman's Friend*, and shall be transmitted to the next meeting of the General Executive Committee by the Corresponding Secretary of the New England Branch.

X. A committee of two shall be appointed by the General Executive Committee to edit and publish a full report of the work of the Society as soon as practicable after the adjournment of said committee.

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## BY-LAWS OF THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

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### I.—BRANCH CORRESPONDING SECRETARIES.

1. The Branch Corresponding Secretaries shall superintend all the interests of their respective Branches; conduct the correspondence of the Society with foreign Missionaries; be present at all Branch quarterly meetings, and present a quarterly report of the work of the Branch, and give to the public, or direct to be given, all communications and plans of the business of their respective Branches.

2. Each Corresponding Secretary shall be required to furnish in her report to the General Executive Committee the following items: Number of Auxiliary Societies, members, life members, honorary patrons and managers, subscribers to the *Heathen Woman's Friend*, and the receipts of the treasurer. In her report of the foreign work she shall include the number of Missionaries, Bible readers, boarding schools, and orphans supported by her Branch.

### II.—BRANCH TREASURERS.

1. Branch Treasurers shall be required to publish each month in the *Heathen Woman's Friend* their report of moneys received. They shall forward the appropriations immediately after the close of the General Executive Committee, according to the appropriations for the next year, sending them directly to the Foreign treasurers.

2. The financial year of the Society shall commence October 1. Branch Treasurers shall close their accounts for the year by September 30, as nearly as possible.

3. The money received from annual membership shall not be used to make life members, honorary managers, or honorary patrons. Life memberships shall be made by the payment of twenty dollars, given specifically for that purpose. If in installments, the final payment shall be made as soon as practicable, and the membership reported as complete only when that has been done; all installments to be credited on the Treasurer's book, and acknowledged in the *Heathen Woman's Friend*.

4. In case any Branch is unable to meet the obligations it has assumed, any other Branch may, by the action of its Executive Board, be permitted to use its surplus funds in aid of the Branch deficient.

5. Any bequest or donation made to the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society shall be paid to the Treasurer of the Branch within whose territory the bequest or donation is made, unless otherwise specified by the donor.

## III.—FOREIGN TREASURERS.

1. Our foreign treasurers shall forward their estimates, properly approved, to the Corresponding Secretary of the New York Branch, that she may present them to the authorities of the General Missionary Society for their action, on or before the first of October.

2. The Treasurers in the foreign fields are instructed to make their financial reports to the Branch Corresponding Secretaries.

3. The Treasurers in the foreign fields are requested to forward promptly receipts for moneys received to the Branch Treasurers and Corresponding Secretaries.

4. The salary of our Missionaries shall be paid in foreign fields on the basis of American gold.

5. The funds of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society shall be entirely under the control of the General Executive Committee, to be used only for the purposes designated by that committee.

6. If any surplus funds remain in the foreign treasuries from unused appropriations, exchange, or any other source, they must be reported to the Branches from whose moneys they accrue.

## IV.—OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENTS.

The Branch Corresponding Secretaries shall correspond with the Missionaries, so as to be able to present a full report of the work in each Mission, such information to be presented to the General Executive Committee, the fields assigned to the several Secretaries to be arranged by themselves.

## V.—THE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE.

1. The Committee of Reference shall be composed of the Branch Corresponding Secretaries.

2. It shall meet immediately after the adjournment of the General Executive Committee, and organize by the election of a Chairman and Secretary.

3. All cases of emergency that would come before the General Executive Committee, arising in the interim of its sessions, shall be submitted to this Committee, and decided by a majority vote.

4. The chairman shall send each resolution that is submitted to the committee to each member, and when all have returned their votes, she shall declare the result, and order the secretary to record both resolution and votes.

5. The committee shall present a full report of its action during the year to the General Executive Committee for approval and permanent record.

## VI.—INSTRUCTIONS TO MISSIONARIES.

We call the attention of the Missionaries of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society especially to Article VIII, Section 3, of Constitution, in compliance with which they will consult the superintendent of the mission in which they are laboring on all general plans of their work, and advise with him as to the most effective measures to be taken in the purchase of property, building, and any important undertaking belonging to their special interest.



1. They are expected to attend the annual meeting or conference of their mission, that they may confer with the other members of the mission upon all topics connected with their own department, and will report quarterly to the superintendent.

2. They will be expected to devote their entire time and attention to their legitimate work, as all their temporal necessities will be provided for by the Society.

3. They are required to send annual and quarterly reports to the Corresponding Secretary having charge of their work, and the action of the General Executive Committee will be communicated to them through that secretary or the correspondent appointed for their field by said committee, and no other instructions are to be considered as official.

4. They, with the wives of Missionaries who labor in the interest of the Society, shall constitute a committee to prepare, at each session of the conference or annual meeting of the Missionaries, the estimates for the ensuing year, which estimates shall have the sanction of said conference or annual meeting before being forwarded to the General Executive Committee.

5. They shall incur no expense during the year to be met by this Society for which the estimate has not previously been submitted to and approved by the General Executive Committee at its annual meeting.

6. They shall credit to the Society all donations received for the support of their work, and annually report the same with their financial statement.

7. All solicitations for funds for special work must be made through the proper official authorities, and Missionaries are instructed not to apply to private sources for aid for support of their work.

8. A Medical Missionary shall be accountable to the Branch from which she is sent. She shall keep an itemized account of all receipts and disbursements; such receipts may be used for necessary expenses in her medical work, any surplus being remitted to the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, and her medical outfit shall be the property of the same.

9. If there prove to be a manifest unfitness for Missionary labor, the General Executive Committee may cancel its obligations to a Missionary whom it has appointed, three months' notice having been given to such appointee by the Committee of Reference, return passage to be paid by the Society, provided she return at the expiration of the three months.

10. A lady Missionary desiring her expenses paid by the Society for a return home from any other cause than that of ill health, must secure permission from the General Executive Committee or Committee of Reference through the Corresponding Secretary of the Branch supporting her.

11. All rules pertaining to the relations of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church with its Missionaries shall be published in the General Annual Report.

12. The Corresponding Secretaries of the Branch by which any Missionary is sent shall be required to sign the following contract: I,— — ,

Corresponding Secretary of —— Branch, by which the money is raised for the support of ——, agree on the part of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society to pay the traveling expenses of —— from the time of her leaving home to that of her arrival in her field of labor, and also her salary from the latter date. In case of illness, I agree, on the part of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, to submit a resolution to the General Executive Committee, or in the interim of its sessions, to the Committee of Reference, asking the privilege of her return home. Such permission being granted, I agree to pay her return passage; and if she expresses her intention to return to foreign missionary work, her salary for the first year at the rate of \$350. In case she declines to return, at the rate of \$300 per year.

In case of emergency demanding her immediate return home, she shall bring a certificate of disability from a physician and the superintendent of the Mission.

13. We agree to pay our Missionaries \$200 for personal outfit, and \$100 for the furnishing of the home, the latter to be the property of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.

14. Each returned Missionary shall be expected to attend the first General Executive Committee session after her return, and her traveling expenses to and from the place of meeting shall be met by the Branch supporting her.

15. We accept the relation of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society to the authorities of the church and to our workers in the field, as interpreted by the delegated conference in India in their session of 1881, as follows:

#### OFFICIAL RELATION OF LADY MISSIONARIES.

WHEREAS, Certain usages having grown up and been found acceptable and successful in connection with our older Mission fields in India, we deem it expedient to formulate the same in the following rules:

1. In general: The position of a lady Missionary placed in charge of work in connection with any of our circuits or stations is the same as that of a second Missionary or "junior preacher" to whom special work is assigned.

2. In particular: The general plan of work, such as establishing new schools, employing and dismissing head teachers, arranging terms of tuition, board, etc., and preparing a course of study, when these matters are not fixed by trustees of an Educational Committee, selecting classes of people among whom work may be most successfully carried on, arranging dispensaries and deciding the proportion of medical work to be given to natives and Europeans, Christians and non-Christians, etc., all such *general plans* shall be arranged by the lady in charge of the special department of work, after free consultation with Superintendent or Presiding Elder.

3. The lady Missionary in charge of work has full liberty to do the work assigned her in her own way, and to carry out the internal arrangements of her department in the manner which she deems best adapted to secure success.

4. The relation of the Superintendent or Presiding Elder to the work

under the charge of a lady is the same as it would be were it in charge of a Member of Conference—he having a general advisory supervision, auditing the accounts (when not done by trustees), making suggestions, etc., exactly as with all the other work of his district.

5. Lady Missionaries in charge of work, and all Missionaries of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, are appointed by the President of Conference, at the same time and in the same manner that the appointments of Conference are made. Should, however, a President of Conference at any time decline so to appoint, the Superintendent or Presiding Elders in Council will arrange the same.

6. All new buildings and expensive repairs or changes shall receive the sanction of Superintendent or Presiding Elder, even though no appropriation of money be asked.

7. A class of laborers are employed in our work, known as "assistants." In the employment or dismissal of these ladies, the consent of the Superintendent of Mission or of the Presiding Elder must be secured. They may be transferred by the Presiding Elder, with the consent of the lady in charge of the department in which they are employed. When these lady assistants, being members of our church, by several years of faithful service, have come to be received as belonging permanently to our body of laborers, they may, on the recommendation of the Ladies' Society, when such exists, or by a quarterly Conference, be formally recognized by Conference, and appointed the same as lady Missionaries are.

8. In case of a transfer of a lady Missionary or an "assistant" from one Conference or charge to another, a written permission shall be secured, signed by Superintendent or Presiding Elder in whose jurisdiction the person may be employed, when, according to the condition in Rule 7, the engagement may be completed.

#### REQUIREMENTS OF MISSIONARY CANDIDATES.

1. Each Branch shall appoint a standing committee of five, of which the Branch corresponding secretary shall be chairman, who shall investigate the case of any candidate within the limits of the Branch, and shall supply such candidate with blank for health certificate and constitutional questions, to be filled out and answered by her; and, when practicable, a personal interview shall be had with the lady, by two or more of the committee, before her papers are forwarded to the Reference Committee or the committee appointed at the General Executive Meeting.

2. A Missionary candidate must believe herself divinely called to the work of a foreign Missionary, and assert her belief that she is actuated only by a desire to work in accordance with God's will.

3. She must here indicate her ability to work in a foreign field by Christian usefulness at home.

4. She must declare her intention to make foreign missionary work the

service of her effective years, and agree to give at least five of these years of continuous service, as a single woman, to the work of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, unless prevented by ill health; she must also assert her willingness to labor in any field, though her preference is always to be taken into account.

5. She must furnish satisfactory testimonials in regard to scholarship, and experience in teaching, and a knowledge of medicine and nursing are desirable qualifications.

6. The age of a candidate must not be less than twenty-two years, nor more than thirty. A thorough intellectual training, with a facility in acquiring languages, and a remarkable ability for Christian work, may be considered as a sufficient reason for deviation from this rule.

7. Financial and executive ability, and power of adaptation to circumstances, are essential qualifications.

8. She must present a certificate of health from a competent physician, and give satisfactory answers to the medical questions authorized by the General Executive Committee of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.

9. Every missionary candidate is required to sign the following contract :

I, — — —, agree to conform to the above requirements and conditions while in the employ of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, and failing in this, to refund the amount of outfit and passage money.

10. After the adoption of a missionary candidate, she shall be regarded as under the direction of the General Executive Committee, and of the Committee of Reference, in the interim of the sessions of that committee.

11. The case of any accepted candidate not sent out during the year, shall be brought before the General Executive Committee at its next session.

12. The testimonials of missionary candidates shall cover the following particulars : Divine call, religious experience and usefulness, intellectual qualities and culture, business and natural ability, and health. In order to fulfill these conditions, the candidate is requested to answer the following questions :

1. Do you trust that you are inwardly moved by the Holy Ghost to take upon you the work of a foreign missionary ?

2. Do you desire and intend to make this your life-work, and are you willing to labor in any field ?

3. Have you experimental knowledge of salvation through the atonement of Jesus Christ our Lord ?

4. Have you an earnest desire to win souls to Christ, and how has this desire been manifest in the past ?

5. Do you believe in the doctrines of the Methodist Episcopal Church, as set forth in section 2 of the Discipline ?

6. Have you a thorough English education ?

7. Have you studied Latin or any modern language; what proficiency have you made, and do you readily acquire the same ?

8. In what schools have you taught, and with what success ?

9. Have you a knowledge of music, either vocal or instrumental?
10. What is the condition of your health?
11. Have you ever been married? If so, is your husband living?
12. Will you answer by *testimonials* to each of these questions?

#### VII.—HEATHEN WOMAN'S FRIEND.

1. The paper of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society shall be known as the *Heathen Woman's Friend*.
2. Its editor and agent shall be elected annually by the General Executive Committee.
3. In the interim of the sessions of the General Executive Committee, the management of the paper shall be under the control of the Publication Committee provided by the Constitution.

#### VIII.—CONSTITUTIONAL PUBLICATION COMMITTEE.

1. This committee shall be composed of the Branch Corresponding Secretaries.
2. It shall meet and organize immediately after the adjournment of the General Executive Committee, by the election of a Chairman and Secretary.
3. The agent of the *Heathen Woman's Friend* shall give the Chairman an itemized report of the receipts and expenditures of the paper, properly audited, by the 1st of October, and another six months thereafter. If she finds it necessary to deviate from the published instructions of the General Executive Committee, she shall lay the matter before this committee, and be subject to its direction.
4. A committee of five shall be appointed annually by the Constitutional Publication Committee, to whom shall be intrusted the investment and control of the funds of the *Heathen Woman's Friend*.
5. The agent of the *Heathen Woman's Friend* shall commence and close her financial year with October 1.
6. If the office of editor or agent becomes vacant during the year, this committee shall have power to fill the vacancy.
7. The traveling expenses of the editor of the *Heathen Woman's Friend*, and of the editor of leaflets, to and from the sessions of the General Executive Committee, shall be paid from the funds of the *Heathen Woman's Friend*.
8. This committee shall meet prior to each session of the General Executive Committee, and report to that body the work of the year.
9. These By-Laws may be amended at any meeting of the General Executive Committee, by a two-thirds vote of the members present.

## SOME BOOKS SUITABLE FOR REFERENCE AND USE IN AUXILIARIES.

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Protestant Foreign Missions, by Theodore Christleib, D. D., Ph. D., Congregational Publishing House, Boston.

Christ and Other Masters, Archdeacon Hardwick.

Comparative History of Religions, by J. C. Moffatt.

Christianity and Islam, by Rev. R. N. Stephens.

The Mohammedan Missionary Problem, by Rev. H. Jessup.

Ten Great Religions of the World, by Rev. J. Freeman Clark.

Lecture on Missions, by Max Muller.

Missionary Life Among the Villages of India, by Rev. T. J. Scott, Walden & Stowe, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Go or Send, by Dr. A. Haygood.

Our Oriental Missions, by Bishop Thompson.

Round the World, by Bishop Kingsley.

Our Next Door Neighbor. Mexico. By Bishop Haven.

Problem of Religious Progress, by Daniel Dorchester, D. D.

Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church, by Rev. J. M. Reid, D. D., Phillips & Hunt, New York.

Medical Work of Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, by Mrs. J. T. Gracey, Rochester.

Historical Sketches of Woman's Missionary Societies in England and America, by Mrs. L. H. Daggett, Boston.

A Woman's Talk About India, by Miss H. G. Brittan, American S. S. Union.

Women of the Orient, by Rev. Ross C. Houghton, Walden & Stowe.

Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the M. E. Church, by Mrs. Mary Sparks Wheeler, Phillips and Hunt, New York.

My Missionary Apprenticeship, by Rev. J. M. Thoburn, D. D., Phillips & Hunt, New York.

From Boston to Bareilly and Back, by Dr. Wm. Butler. Send orders to Miss Walden. Price \$1.50.

Heerah, by Mrs. E. J. Humphrey, Long & Putnam, Boston, Mass.

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The Orient and Its People, by Mrs. I. L. Hauser, I. L. Hauser & Co., Milwaukee.

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India Missionary Directory and Memorial Volume, Rev. B. H. Badley.

To the East by Way of the West, by Bishop Marvin.

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"A Grain of Mustard Seed," or, the District Secretary's Letter. 10 cts.

Wayside Teachings (in India). 5 cts.



Woman's Work in the Zenanas of India, by Mrs. Gracey, Rochester, N. Y.  
Single copy, 10 cts.; \$1.00 per dozen.

Peeps at Real Girls in China, by Miss Cushman. Small copies, 10 cts.;  
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A Gospel in all Lands; an invaluable Missionary Magazine by Rev. Eugene R. Smith, editor. \$2.00 per year. Mission Rooms, 805 Broadway, N. Y.

Missionary World, eight pages, monthly. 25 cents per year.

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Advocate of Missions. M. E. Church, South, Nashville, Tenn.

Baptist Missionary Magazine.

Woman's Work for Woman. 1,334 Chestnut street, Philadelphia.

Children's Work for Children.

Our Mission Field, Presbyterian Church.

The Foreign Missionary.

Missionary Tidings.

Spirit of Missions, Episcopal.

Missionary Review, Princeton, Dr. R. G. Wilder.

Missionary Link, W. U. M. S.

Missionary Helper, Free Baptist.

Friends' Missionary Advocate, 50 cents per annum. Address, 56 Wabash avenue, Chicago.

Life and Light, Congregational, Boston, Mass.

Missionary Herald, American Board

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Helping Hand Baptist.

Indian Witness, Calcutta, India.

Woman's Work in China, Shanghai, China.

#### MAP OF INDIA, CHINA, BURMAH AND JAPAN.

The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church has issued an Outline Map, on cloth (size, 5 by 6 feet), of China, Japan and India, with adjacent regions.

The prominent stations occupied by this Society are marked in good, bold letters, so that they may be read across a large room. Many other points are in somewhat smaller letters. Besides this Outline Map, showing the large stations occupied by the Methodist Episcopal Church in Asia, there is a smaller map (inlet) on the corner of the larger one, showing in fuller detail stations and sub-stations of the North India Conference. This map will be sent post-paid to any address for the sum of two dollars. Address, Miss P. J. Walden, 36 Bromfield street, Boston, Mass.

Certificates of Life Membership can be obtained from the Branches through which money is paid.

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## RULES AND PRONUNCIATION.

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### PRONUNCIATION OF INDIAN NAMES FURNISHED BY MISS THOBURN.

I find it difficult to give the pronunciation of Indian names in English, as requested, because some of the sounds can not well be indicated by the spelling. A few rules may be helpful, not only in pronouncing the names already given, but those that may occur in letters and reports hereafter.

A has two sounds, a short like u in tub, and a long as in far.

E has the continental sound, like the long e in there.

I is short as in sit, and long when accented, as i in machine.

O is always long, as in no.

U short as in full, ù long as in rule.

Ai as i in mice.

Au as ou in our.

The syllable containing the long vowel is always accented. If there are no long vowels in a word, or if all are long, the syllables have equal quantity.

There is some difficulty in applying these rules, because the long vowel is not often printed with the accent in our reports, and so cannot be distinguished from the short, and because some names are spelled in English, and some in Roman-Urdu.

The stations mentioned in our Indian Mission report of this year are pronounced, as nearly as they can be spelled, as follows :

Kamá on	Kamáw'an	Badá on	Badown
Naini Tal	Nynée Tall	Bilśí	Bilsee
Bhábar	Bhaw-bar	Kakraulí	Kukroulee
Dwára Háth	Dwara Haut	Ghotà	Ghota
Garhwál	Gurhwall	Bissoulí	Bi-soulee
Srínagar	Sree-nuggur	Saiswàn	Sicewan
Pithoragarh	Pithora Gurh	Ujainí	Ujiney
Rohilcund	Rohilcund	Data Ganj	Data Gunje
Bijnúr	Bijnour	Oudh	Ou as in Our
Morádabád	Morad'abad'	Laknau	Lucknow
Chandousí	Chundowseé	Kànpur	Cawnpoor
Amroha	Umroha	Rài Barelí	Roy Barailly
Sambhal	Sumbhul	Bàrabankí	Bara-bunkee
Barelí	Baraillly	Sitápùr	Seetapoor
Philibít	Philibeet	Hardùí	Hur-doo-ee
Aunla	Onnla	Gonda	Goanda
Fathganj	Futhagunje	Nawábganj	Nowáb-gunje
Khera Bajhera	Khaira Bajhaira	Baraich	Baraich
Sháhjahánpúr	Shah'-jehan'-poor		

RULES FOR PRONOUNCING WORDS IN THE FOOCHOW DIALECT. FURNISHED  
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a has the sound of a in far.  
 á " " a in fat.  
 e " " a in play.  
 é " " e in met.  
 i " " i in machine.  
 í " " i in pin,  
 o " " o in bone.

ó has the sound of aw.  
 u " " oo in fool.  
 ě has a guttural sound, like oe in Goethe.  
 ů has the sound of the French u in l'une.  
 au " " ow in cow.  
 ai " " i in kind.

Hok-chiang      Hoke-cheang  
 Ku-cheng      Koo-cheng  
 Tiong-lók      Teong-lock  
 Hū Pá Mi      Hū-Paw Me  
 Li Yu Mi      Lee Yoo Me

Sia Sek-ong      See-ah Sake ong  
 Li Chá Mi      Lee Chá Me  
 Kiu-Kiang      Kew-keang  
 Wong Ting Ai      Wong Ting Eye.

It is almost invariably correct to accent on the last syllable of the name of a place.

JAPAN.

Nagasaki      Nang-a-să'kee  
 Tsukiji\*      Skee-gee  
 Tsurunga      Suroong'-gă  
 Shikoku      She-ko-ku

Kiushiū      Qū-shoo  
 Liu Kiu      Loo-choo  
 Yezo      Yes'-so  
 Dai      Dye.

Kawatsei Sui (Quassui) Jo Gokke.

Name of Nagasaki School.

\* "Ts" has German "z" sound.

Fu-ku-o-ka.

PRONUNCIATION OF SPANISH NAMES FURNISHED BY MRS. REV. D. KEMBLE.

Puebla      Pwāblā  
 Leon      Layon  
 Miraflores      Mee-rahflór-es  
 Queretaro      Ker-é tar-a  
 Real      Rā-āl  
 Del Monte      Dēl món-tā  
 Ayapango      Ay a pán go  
 Guanajuato      Gwan-a-hwáto

Rosario      Rō-sār--iō  
 Montevideo      Montā-vid-ā ó  
 Buenos Ayres      Bwā nos ayres  
 Orizaba      O-rē-gă vā  
 Pachuca      Pā-choo kă  
 Silao      Sē lā ō  
 San Juan      Săn-hwăn

Seoul, the capital of Korea, is pronounced as if it were Spelled Say-ole.

## FORMS FOR WILL AND DEVISE.

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Special attention is called to the following form of Bequest and Devise required by the incorporation of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society:

### FORM OF BEQUEST.

I hereby give and bequeath to the "Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church," incorporated under the Laws of the State of New York, ..... Dollars, to be paid to the Treasurer of said Society, whose receipt shall be a sufficient acquittance to my executors therefor.

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I hereby give and devise to "The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church" [describe land, etc., intended to be given to the Society], and to their successors and assigns forever.

NOTE.—Prompt notice of all bequests and devises should be given to the corresponding secretary of the Branch within which the donor resides.

Mrs. H. B. Skidmore, 230 West 59th street, New York, is the Treasurer of the WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY, with power to sign release to executors through whom the Society may receive bequests, and to perform such other acts as are required by the Act of Incorporation, and which cannot be legally executed by Branch Treasurers.

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OF THE  
WOMAN'S  
FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY  
OF THE  
METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH,  
FOR THE YEAR 1886.

*"All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye, therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:*

*"Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen."—Matt. xxviii. 19, 20.*

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## Meeting of the General Executive Committee.

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The Seventeenth Annual meeting of the General Executive Committee convened in the Mathewson Street Methodist Episcopal Church, Providence, R. I., October 21, 1886, and continued in session eight days. The reports that were presented, both from the home and foreign field, are contained in the following pages, as briefly told as possible. An increase in collections made a corresponding increase in appropriations possible, though more than forty thousand dollars, asked for and urgently pressed, had to be cut off. The number of missionaries present made the meeting a memorable one, and gave an added inspiration to all the exercises. Generous hospitality lightened the days given to planning and anxious care; harmony of thought and action prevailed; the devotional hours were times of refreshing, and God came near to those who sought new strength for the year to come. Twenty-nine missionaries were asked for. Not half that number are available, and much prayer, as well as hard work, must characterize the Society in the year to come.



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In his History of the Nineteenth Century, Robert McKenzie says : “ There are few things in human history which wear an aspect of moral grandeur equal to that of the progress of Christian missions. And among the wonders of the nineteenth century, none surpass this—that such astounding results as our eyes behold to-day have been reached in so few years, by such apparently inadequate means as have been employed. What worldly-wise schemer would have presumed to enter upon such a daring and glorious project, as the education and Christianizing of the whole world with such seemingly insufficient agencies?” Indeed, even the faith of the church is very slow to grasp such a high possibility.

Seventeen years ago, on a stormy day, in Boston, the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, came into existence. Had the seven brave women who faced a furious New England storm, to meet and organize, foreseen the swift advance of responsibility in this great work, their courage might have failed them. But, step by step, God leads. Hearts prepared for the call, were waiting east and west, north and south, and as if by some unseen magnetic force, the sympathies of the whole church quickly became enlisted in the new demand for Christian women to send life and light to those long shut away in

death and darkness beyond the seas. Seventeen years only in existence! And what hath God wrought through us? We have come to find that we rank in "the foremost of powers destined to change the face of the world." No eloquence of rhetoric is needed in the presence of the soul-stirring facts of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society. No arguments are equal to the one convincing argument of *success*. The work has grown, the means to carry it on have grown, the helpers to execute its plans have multiplied, because it has had in it the principle of life from God, who has chosen it as one of His agencies in the world's salvation. Only a few women, comparatively, compose our ranks; we are gleaners in the field well reaped by stronger hands; pursuing modest methods; always surprised at our own success, we stand in the face of marvelous results with deep humility self-ward, and with grateful thanksgiving God-ward.

### HOME WORK.

The *Home Work* is represented by 3,961 auxiliaries and about 100,000 members.

The treasury, which must be after all the true exponent of zeal and of aggressive power, shows a hopeful advance, even over the gratifying results of last year. The receipts from October 1, 1885, to October 1, 1886, have been as follows:

New England Branch.....	\$ 23,093 67
New York " .....	34,116 96
Philadelphia " .....	18,036 70
Baltimore " .....	8,619 79
Cincinnati " .....	25,085 10
Northwestern " .....	35,388 94
Des Moines " .....	9,838 46
Minneapolis " .....	5,193 10
Topeka " .....	7,726 13
Total.....	<u>\$167,098 85</u>

This is an increase of \$9,656.19 over last year, and that was \$14,243.52 over receipts of the previous year. Since our organization, seventeen years ago, \$1,487,159.55 have come into our treasury. If it is asked how have such results been reached by only gleaners in the field? we answer in the words of St. Paul, as more expressive than any we could frame—"In journeyings often, in perils of robbers, in perils by our own countrymen, in perils by the heathen, in perils in the city, in perils among false brethren; in weakness and painfulness, in watchings often; beside that which cometh upon us daily," the care of all the auxiliaries, especially

the latter, in the persistent pursuit of every woman for "*two cents a week and a prayer.*"

Among encouraging features of our work we note the increase of Young Ladies' Societies and Children's Bands, for we must look to these young "Helping Hands" and "Buds of Promise" for future service when those who bear the burden now are called aside.

Also we note increasing study of mission fields; the call for leaflets and for missionary letters. Camp meeting, district, and conference anniversaries, attract increasing attention, and Branch annual and quarterly meetings grow in interest, and consequently in the numbers who attend.

A large number of mite boxes have been distributed, reminding many a hitherto thoughtless woman of multiplied mercies, and causing her to sympathize with Mrs. Pickett in feeling "mean" over benefits received at less than a cent apiece.

### LITERATURE.

The *Heathen Woman's Friend* still proves itself in fact what it is in name. It comes with a bright and hopeful face each month, bringing news from every land, telling us how our missionaries fare, introducing to us new workers, and giving a glimpse of the home-side of our work. It pays not only its own expenses every year and fills well its own allotted sphere, but it also goes about doing good in all directions. It pays for leaflets, for reports, for much miscellaneous literature, and until the necessary fund was raised, it met the expenses of its little sister in India, and also of its one-year-old German sister on this side of the water. No Methodist woman can afford to dispense with the visits of the *Friend*. Surely another year will see its circulation widely increased. The total number of subscriptions is as follows:

New England Branch.....	2,894
New York           ".....	3,673
Philadelphia       ".....	1,769
Baltimore           ".....	750
Cincinnati          ".....	2,251
Northwestern       ".....	1,674
Minneapolis         ".....	824
Des Moines          ".....	1,124
Topeka              ".....	1,062
Foreign             ".....	128
Scattering.....	307
Total.....	19,456

## ZENANA PAPER.

This paper, published in India, for heathen women, by the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, has proved a great blessing. Already 900 copies have been printed in Hindi, 800 in Urdu, and an edition in Bengal. Probably 1000 copies of each will be demanded before the close of the year. An edition in Tamil is asked for. The paper is an 8-paged monthly, published at the Methodist press in Lucknow, and edited by Miss Blackmar. Nothing shows more clearly the advance of light than *this* demand among women who but a few years ago had not even a *thought of learning to read*. The whole amount received for the Zenana paper fund this year is \$1,135.21.

## LEAFLETS.

The value of our leaflets and their necessity in our work cannot be over-estimated. We are more and more impressed with the great possibilities in this direction. The demand for them has increased, especially or those adapted to young people and children. Other denominations have made application for permission to reprint several of our leaflets, thus showing a gratifying appreciation of them. Many letters have been received by the Committee, testifying to their usefulness. The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society is under great obligation to the Chairman of the Leaflet Committee for her wise and successful management, involving great outlay of time and strength for one whose hands are full in other lines of Christian service. The whole number of pages printed and distributed this year, is 2,178,000, an increase over last year of 384,000 pages.

## MOVEMENTS OF MISSIONARIES.

During the year, Misses Thoburn, Sparkes and Easton have returned from India on account of ill health. Mrs. Van Petten from Japan and Miss Latimer from Mexico, Miss Yates from China, and Miss Wheeler driven from Chung-King by the riot, incited *in part* by outrages in America, return home. Miss Holbrook has returned to Japan, and Miss Budden to India, both entirely restored to health.

Early in the year, Miss A. Lawson and Miss D. A. Fuller were sent to India, and later Dr. Kate McDowell sailed for the same field. To reinforce the mission stations at Peking and Foo Chow, Miss A. R. Green and Dr. Susan Pray were sent out. To Japan, Miss G. Rulofson and Miss Kaulback; and to Mexico, Miss L. Hewett.

## FOREIGN WORK.

It is impossible in this report even to glance satisfactorily at the work of this society in the various fields of India, China, Japan, Korea,



Italy, Bulgaria, South America, and Mexico. We can only say in every land the song has begun—the glad redemption song—and the history of the year is but another chapter in the story of salvation, “which seems each time we tell it, more wonderfully sweet.”

The work in foreign fields is represented by—

Missionaries .....	62
Assistants .....	92
Medical Missionaries.....	10
Teachers .....	30
Matrons .....	9
Scholarships and Orphans.....	758
Bible Women .....	227
Day Schools.....	209

Besides boarding schools, hospitals, dispensaries, and homes for friendless women.

From Korea Mrs. Scranton writes, her heart is full of joy and thankfulness for the prospect before the mission. At first the people regarded the missionaries with suspicion; now many trust them implicitly. Great obstacles are in the way, and she pleads most earnestly for prayer in behalf of Korea.

From India the reports of conversions, the desire for higher education, the number of women and girls under instruction, the general awakening, exceed any former year. A missionary writes, “The women in Zenanas gladly welcome us, and listen to the Bible reading with a hungry eagerness, that is most touching. Of the Adjudhya Mela we can only say we never met with greater opposition, never were so able to hold our crowd of listeners, and never received greater help in preaching His word. No doubt God is ready to use His children in a way hitherto unknown in India.” Christian girls in the Boarding Schools take part intelligently in the weekly prayer meetings, showing that their profession of Christianity is not an empty form.

*Bombay.* — Over 80 houses are visited. One of the Bible women died this year, strong in the faith of the gospel. The immensity of the work presses upon our missionaries. 300 per week are reached, but the death rate is over 400, of whom only one now and then has ever heard of Christ. The throngs of little children, the child-marriages, the teeming multitudes, all cry pleadingly, “More help, more help !”

*North China, Peking.* — The missionaries here have suffered untold difficulties in getting new buildings for the home and school; but they are cheerful and hopeful. At Tientsin, the women under instruction go out “two by two,” to do evangelistic work.

*Central China.* — Already the fruit of our school work here in the various cities is shown in the fact that those who have been saved and taught now help to save and teach others.

*West China.* — Four years ago our work was begun, and grew to 16 girls in the orphanage, 33 in school, a woman's meeting, and access to the people. Last June all was changed. The Chinese mob destroyed the property, and the missionaries were obliged to fly for their lives. Our own government may well consider how far it is responsible for this sad havoc, by its treatment of the Chinese here. God rules, and the seed sown in Chung King is not lost. He "will make the wrath of man to praise Him, the remainder of wrath He will restrain."

*Foochow.* — The boarding school has 62 pupils, 16 church members, and 19 probationers. The blessed revival of God's Spirit shows fruit in their lives. The letters written by these girls are most interesting and touching. In all the schools about 118 are enrolled.

*Yokohama.* — The Bible women's training school has had 14 pupils. The women study the Bible, assist in women's meetings and evangelistic work. A benevolent society is carried on by the women of the church, and a monthly union meeting of all Christian women in the city is held. Itinerating work in the surrounding country grows in interest and fruit.

*Tokio.* — Fifty girls have been refused admission to the schools for want of room. The pupils make excellent progress; the older ones are valuable helpers in school and Bible work; 13 have been converted this year. Itinerating work in the country has been specially blessed.

*Hakodati.* — 77 girls in the school here. A number have joined the church, and their lives show the change which Christianity makes in them.

*Nagasaki.* — In 1879 our work was begun. The opposition was such that not one girl could be hired to attend the school. Now there are 97, nearly all Christians. Many of them very bright scholars. The whole city and surrounding country prove to be a fruitful field for Christian service.

*Italy.* — Miss Hall is at present our only missionary; she has 12 Bible women in as many cities, as assistants. The work has but just begun, and is not yet fully organized. It opens widely before us, and the calls for increased help here, as elsewhere, are urgent.

*Mexico.* — The society has work in 8 cities. It is prosperous, and the spiritual results grow steadily and hopefully. The special event of the year is the purchase of a new building in the city of Mexico, for the orphanage.

*Bulgaria.* — Our work consists of a school of high grade at Loftcha, and primary schools at Sistov, Orchania and Rustchuk, with Bible work. Most of the girls in the school are very poor, but they give regularly to

the missionary society, and sent \$5.00 to the Chicago training school, the results of a fair held by them.

*South America.*—Miss Goodenough writes, “The unswerving faith and firm confidence in God is something inspiring. It stirs the blood in one’s veins to see these sincere, hard-working people patiently laboring, each in his own sphere, to bring souls to Christ; while those who consider themselves greatly their superiors stand idly by, or work only to hinder others!” During the year Miss Guelfi has gone to her reward in heaven.

As the shell whispers in our ear in perpetual monotone the blended voices of the distant sea; so, if we could gather in a brief report tidings from the great world field, it would tell of scenes of Gospel triumph in India unknown before; of the Holy Spirit poured out in tides of blessing in China; of heroic missionaries standing at their places in the presence of danger and difficulty until forced to flee for their lives; it would utter the pleading cry of millions yet unreached; it would tell, too, of the church of the Lord Jesus slowly arousing to her duty and privilege; and all these voices would blend in a sweet monotone, saying,

“Unto Him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in His own blood, and hath made us kings and priests unto God and His Father; to Him be glory and dominion forever and ever, Amen.”

Mrs. J. H. KNOWLES.

## REPORT OF FOREIGN WORK.

### OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENTS.

Yokohama, Japan; North China and South America.....	MRS. ALDERMAN.
Rohilkund District, India; Central China and Korea.....	MRS. SKIDMORE.
Mexico; and Tokio, Japan.....	MRS. KEEN.
Foochow, China, and West China.....	MISS HART.
Oudh District, India; and Nagasaki, Japan.....	MRS. COWEN.
Italy, Bulgaria and Bombay.....	MRS. HILL.
South India .....	MRS. NIND.
Hakodati, Japan.....	MRS. PATTEE.
Kumaon District.....	MRS. CARHART.

## INDIA.

Work of the W. F. M. S. begun in India in 1869.

In addition to the twenty-two representatives of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society in India, and the wives of missionaries having charge of work supported by the Society, the following are employed as assistants, zenana and boarding school teachers, medical assistants and school inspectresses :

Miss L. Boyd.....	Dwarahath.	Miss D'Abreu.....	Lucknow.
" Mispelaur ... ..	Pauri.	" Paul.....	"
Mrs. Whitby.....	"	" Chuckerbutty...	"
Miss Fleming.....	Naini Tal	" Connolly.....	"
" K. Hunter.....	" "	" Pereira.....	"
" Mary King.....	" "	" Ward.....	"
Mrs. R. Gowan.....	" "	" Fitzpatrick.....	"
" Worthington....	Bijnour.	" Wischam.....	"
Miss Torndorf.....	"	" Durand.....	Cawnpore.
" M. Seymour....	Moradabad.	" Hoff.....	"
" Maria Seymour..	"	" Langley.....	"
Mrs. Smith.....	"	" D'Abreu....	"
Miss Waddingham....	Bareilly.	" De Souza.....	"

Miss Ledley.....Bareilly.	Miss Tiernan.....Cawnpore.
“ Thompson..... “	“ Tyler..... “
“ Cutler..... “	Mrs. Grant..... Roy Bareilly.
Mrs. M. Turner..... “	“ Jarbo.....Shahjehanpore.
Miss Heming.....Lucknow.	“ Butterfield.....Budaon.
“ De Castro..... “	“ Goodwin..... “
“ Singh..... “	Miss Gilbert.....Seetapore.
“ French..... “	“ Roberts..... “

## MATRONS.

*Cawnpore*—Mrs. Jackson; *Budaon*—Mrs. Butterfield; *Bijnour*—Mrs. Rogers; *Pauri*—Mary W. Greenwald; *Moradabad*—Mrs. Alexander; *Lucknow School*—Mrs. Burnside; *Lucknow Home*—Mrs. Hudson; *Bareilly*—Miss O'Callegheh; *Naini Tal*—Mrs. Austin.

## ROHILKUND DISTRICT.

## MISSIONARIES.

MISS FANNIE SPARKES (home on leave),	MISS FANNY M. ENGLISH,
MISS MARY CHRISTIANCY, M. D.,	MISS SARAH LAUCK,
MISS CLARA M. DOWNEY,	MISS KATE MCDOWELL, M. D.
MISS ANNA LAWSON.	

## MARRIED LADIES IN CHARGE OF WORK.

MRS. E. W. PARKER,	MRS. T. J. SCOTT,
MRS. N. L. ROCKEY,	MRS. W. S. BARE,
MRS. F. W. NEELD.	

Rohilkund District includes the cities of Bareilly, Bijnour, Moradabad, Budaon, and Shahjehanpore, each with its surrounding village and district work. Either one of these, if fully represented, would more than cover the space allotted for a report, so not much more than statistics can be given. Mrs. Rockey has cared for the work in Bijnour, assisted by Mrs. Worthington and Miss Torndorf. The boarding school numbers 51; six of the girls have been received into the church on probation, and six taken into full membership. The progress in learning has been encouraging, and in Christian character, marked. The older girls teach in the Sabbath schools, and in every way try to follow the lessons they have received. There are seven day schools. Harriet Soule, one of the teachers, a pupil from the orphanage, died this year. Her last hours were triumphant, and the weeping women from the Mohullas bore testi-

mony to the love she had inspired. The district work has been carried forward at Dhampur, Naginah, and Nehtaur, with some success.

At *Bashta* twenty-five villages are regularly visited by six Bible women. In *Mandaur Circuit* work is carried on from six central towns. There are fifty Christian women on this circuit, and the outlook is most hopeful. At *Najibabad* there are three schools. More would be opened could we find teachers. More help is needed at every point. God is giving the hundredfold, and what has been accomplished in Bijnour alone is enough to repay the Society for all its labor.

In *Moradabad* the work is superintended by Mrs. Parker. 118 names have been enrolled in the boarding school. Excellent progress has been made. We hope during the coming year to secure a normal class, and thus be able to train girls for the city schools. Work on the new buildings is finished, and we rejoice in the fact that we have convenient school rooms and comfortable dormitories. The number to be accommodated is limited to one hundred and twenty, and Mrs. Parker says after their cramped quarters for so long it is a joy to see them in their new school rooms. Arrangements are made to have the smaller girls taught in their villages, only receiving those who have passed an examination. Dr. Goucher has authorized the opening of forty-eight village schools for girls, so we are able to largely increase the number of primary schools in the villages. There has been a deep religious interest in the school; class and prayer meetings are regularly kept up. About sixty of the larger girls attended the Chandausi Camp Meeting; we often hear of real missionary work being done by these girls in their village homes. The work in the city schools is retarded by the lack of efficient teachers, but it moves on in spite of difficulties and each year shows an increase of educated women and girls. A Hindu widow, who was the first girl to learn to read, and who was one of our best teachers, passed an examination for the Agra Medical College, and has received a Lady Ripon Scholarship, standing first in her class. Who would have dreamed of this when the W. F. M. S. was organized. There are fifteen schools for Hindus and Mohammedans and four for Chamar and Sweeper girls.

The same day that the distribution of gifts from America took place in the boarding school, arrangements were made to visit the city schools also, and let them share in the gifts. A large house was kindly loaned and furnished by a banker, for the day, and here the Hindu girls of both the mission and government schools, with their female friends and relatives, gathered. One of the teachers read an address of welcome, and the girls had recitations. The Mohammedan girls and women were gathered in another place, as we could not persuade them to come together. The girls of the other schools received their presents later in the day, and the happy, smiling faces of the girls, as they came up for their gifts, showed their appreciation of the kindness shown them. The Zenana work has been much blessed in the year. Mrs. Smith and eight



Bible women under her care are constantly employed; 120 houses are visited regularly. The Mohulla and village work has had trials, but much work has been done, and some souls have been won to Christ. The native assistant was assisted by Dr. Butcher, of the parent society, in carrying on the medical work, but the appointment of Dr. McDowell for that field will prove a very happy event for the work in Moradabad. During the last year 14,092 prescriptions were given out by Mrs. Plumer and her assistant. Miss Lawson reached India in May, and gave most welcome assistance to the work in the boarding school. The city schools of Bareilly, under charge of Mrs. Scott, number eleven. Sunday schools have been kept up regularly in each school. There is also a school for Christian women, which Mrs. Scott calls her pet work, and class meetings every Sunday afternoon; and these are better attended than any religious service. In Miss Sparkes' absence, Miss English superintends the orphanage. The year closed with 263, of whom 60 were in the boarding department. Six of the girls have married, and ten have died; one promising girl of 12 years was found dead in her bed; she had been bitten by a cobra. Hetty was ready for the messenger. This was the first one ever bitten by a snake, though during the rainy season cobras are occasionally seen in the house. Five deaths were caused by cholera. Tents were pitched a short distance away, and the greater part of the school went into camp, making as much of a holiday of it as possible, and the change and division dispelled the gloom and anxiety, and we had no more cases. There has been a steady growth in religious experience. Prayer and class meetings have often been seasons of deepest interest. Miss English says, "I have sent the five girls who were prepared, to Agra. Minnie Quin has again taken the prize for scholarship in the medical class, and has gone to Agra. Five new orphans have come in. How I wish I could supply the demand of all the branches." The Zenana work under Miss Downey is especially prosperous. Eight Bible women visit 125 houses weekly. "We are called to new houses constantly, and could do much more if we had efficient help." Miss Downey says, "I am trying to train my Bible women to make quarterly reports, which, when translated, will be sent to their patrons. I hope in time to have a corps of efficient Zenana teachers. My helpers are young, and Bareilly is a very wicked city. I can only send out steady Christian women who are able to take care of themselves. I have closed all the houses where the women refused to have the Bible read. If we cannot do this, our work is in vain."

The medical work under Dr. Christiancy is growing, not only in numbers of those who make but a single visit to the dispensary, but of those who come many times, and thus their opportunity of hearing religious teaching is increased. On an average between forty and fifty persons receive medicine each day, sometimes as many as one hundred. A Christian lady, from the Station, spends two mornings in the week

talking to the patients. Of the forty-five patients who have been in the hospital since Jan. 1st, about one-half were Hindus. The only death, that of a Christian woman. In *Khera Bajhera, Aoula, Pilibhit* and *Fatahgunj* fifteen day schools are supported and ten Bible women visit in Zenanas and villages, carrying the seeds of the kingdom. Mrs. Neeld has charge of the work at Budaon; forty-six girls in the boarding school are making fair progress in sewing and housework as well as education; a number have been converted; regular work is done in one hundred and fifty zenanas, more workers are urgently called for. The ten city schools enroll 306 names, and in each one of them there is a Sunday school; besides these we have three others, which in America would be called ragged schools, dirty, noisy and mischievous, but the children readily learn the Lord's prayer and catechism. In the district work at *Dataganj, Kasganj, zenana* and school work is carried on under the care of the pastors' wives. In *Bilsa* work is kept up at four places, two hundred women in sixty zenanas regularly visited, two have been baptized during the year. Fifty houses are visited in *Sahaswan* and forty-five on the *Gatha* circuit. The native pastor's wife at *Bisula* has a school for Christian women, and is training a good corps of assistants; three schools are also supported there. There are some very interesting inquirers in these villages. *Shah-jehanpore* city work, with the outlying stations at *Panahpore, Pawayan, Tilhur* and *Jalalabad* is under charge of Mrs. Bare, assisted by Mrs. Jarbo thirteen Bible readers and seventeen teachers; one hundred and eighty-three houses are regularly visited in the city, and the faithfulness of the Bible readers is especially commended. The twelve city schools have done very well, fifteen girls passed to a higher grade at examination. The Sunday school work is especially hopeful, once a week there is a meeting for the instruction of Bible women. We have another Widow's Home at *Kamapore*, where four Christian women live.

*Panahpore* is a Christian village, missionary work is done by the Bible women living there in the surrounding villages. God is greatly blessing this work. There are three girls' schools at *Tilhur* in which eighty girls are taught; over a hundred girls and women attend Sunday school. At *Pawayan* twenty houses are regularly visited, and two girls' schools carried on. The Bible women are received gladly. From *Jalalabad* the pastor's wife writes "Three years ago not one girl here could read, or knew of Christ, now thirty women and girls can read and write; we have three good Sunday schools; ten Zenanas have been opened this year; God is leading us." Another year's account closes. This is the work for which our Society was organized, and the full record is more than can be told. Even in *Rohilkund* district the little leaven hid by a woman's hand is rapidly leavening the whole lump. We have great encouragement. God is our refuge and strength.

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Assistants.....	11
Bible Women.....	97
Day Schools.....	91
Day Pupils.....	1,863
Boarding Schools.....	4
Boarding Pupils.....	287
Orphans in Bareilly.....	261
Zenanas visited.....	1,246
Women under instruction.....	2,423
Patients in zenanas.....	95
Patients in hospital.....	50
Patients in dispensary.....	21,728
Prescriptions given.....	29,918

## OUDH DISTRICT.

## MISSIONARIES.

MISS L. E. BLACKMAR,	MISS PHOEBE ROWE,
" FLORENCE NICKERSON,	" E. L. HARVEY,
" MARY REED,	" LAURA HYDE, M. D.,
" ESTHER DE VINE,	" THERESA J. KYLE,

## MISS HETTIE MANSELL.

## MARRIED LADIES IN CHARGE OF WORK.

MRS. T. S. JOHNSON,	MRS. J. E. LAWSON,
" M. S. BADLEY,	" S. KNOWLES,
" H. MANSELL,	" KASTENDIECK.

In this district, with its 12,000,000 inhabitants—the most densely populated place on the globe—the signs multiply that foreshadow wonderful manifestations of the Spirit in the near future. In this busy harvest field, ten missionaries of our church with their wives, eight native preachers and helpers, nine representatives of the W. F. M. S. with their force of teachers and Bible readers, are laboring earnestly to help gather in the harvest from this white field.

The W. F. M. S. has work in seventeen stations, and the year has been full of labor, and yet full of encouragement. Misses Thoburn and Easton

were obliged to come home on account of ill health, and Miss Nickerson will have to follow next year. Miss De Vine and Miss Rowe have had charge of the Boarding School at Lucknow, with its one hundred and thirty-six girls. The attendance has been good, health all that could be hoped, and the progress in study as well as in character, has been most encouraging. Loving obedience has characterized the daily walk of the girls. Four girls trained in this school have, during the last year, gone out to do mission work in different places. Miss Mansell was transferred to Lucknow, by the Presiding Elder, to care for the advanced class graduated last year, and who wish to enter a college class.

Miss Nickerson, with five assistants and nine Bible women, cares for the increasing Zenana work. Thirty-four new houses have been opened, making a total of two hundred and eighty-nine. Over one thousand women are under regular instruction. Miss Nickerson says, "The greater number in these Zenanas gladly welcome us, and listen to the Bible reading with a hungry eagerness that is most touching; never had we such a year of marked manifestations of the Holy Spirit's influence. We attended two melas, one in Lucknow, and one at Ajudhya. Of the latter we can only say, we never met with greater opposition, never were so able to hold our crowd of listeners, and never received greater help, in preaching His Word. There is no doubt God is ready to use His own children at these melas, in a way hitherto unknown in India." Eight day schools, under the superintendence of Mrs. Johnson, have been kept up, and the demand for such schools is increasing. There is a Sunday School in connection with each of these schools, which is taught by a missionary, assistant, Bible reader, or pupils from the Boarding School. Miss D'Abreu, who has special charge of the S. S. work, is not under the employ of our mission, but gladly gives most efficient service.

The Home for Homeless Women reports twenty-four inmates. Two have married and gone to good homes, some have been employed temporarily, others have grown in Christian character, one happily converted, is preparing to go into Bible work, another is studying medicine.

In *Hurdui*, *Shahabad* and *Sandi* five Bible readers are employed, and one hundred and forty-one houses regularly visited. Two day schools and a number of Sunday Schools are kept up and the work is interesting and encouraging. *Seetapore*, with its large circuit work, has made most gratifying progress under Mrs. Lawson's energetic supervision. She has had during the last year valuable assistance from Miss Roberts, the new assistant missionary, and the whole work shows the benefit of the added force. Forty girls are enrolled in the boarding school, and the year has been marked by steady growth spiritually; all the girls old enough to understand, are members of the church, and the intelligent part they take in the weekly prayer meetings, shows conclusively that it is not an empty form.

The ten Bible women under Miss Roberts, have worked faithfully all the year. Mrs. Lawson says, "this work has increased much in the time Miss Roberts has had charge of it, new houses multiply, and the work is only limited by lack of money and helpers." Five day schools and twenty-two Sunday schools have sown the seed of the Kingdom, we trust, in many hearts; work has been opened in a new out-station at Gola, a large place forty miles from Sectapore. The itinerating and district work is an important factor in reaching the millions in this circuit. Three months of each year are spent by the missionaries looking after the work of the outlying stations, visiting villages and melas, and disseminating gospel truth wherever an opportunity occurs. Mrs. Lawson says, "we have had dark days enough, but God has been very near to us, and our feeble efforts have been abundantly blessed. Our hearts are full of hope for the future." *Bahroich* has two schools, well attended, and where the catechism and scriptures are intelligently taught. The Zenana work in the city, is very encouraging, one hundred and fifteen houses are regularly visited by the five Bible women, some copies of the Bible have been purchased, numbers more given away, and the Zenana paper is read in many houses, and is doing much good. The work in *Gonda*, under the charge of Mrs. Knowles, consists of direct preaching of the word, through missionaries and Bible readers. There are but two schools in the six stations embraced in *Gonda* circuit; one hundred and forty-one Zenanas are open to the Bible women in *Gonda*, and as many of these houses contain several families, the number of women taught is largely in advance of the number of Zenanas. Many of these women have learned to know Jesus by happy experience.

*Bulrampore*, a new station opened a year ago, reports fifty-two houses open to the visitor; a number of women have been baptized. Piyari Masih, the converted wife of Jhandula, who was the first convert in this place, goes among the surrounding villages preaching Christ to the women. She receives no pay for her services; but her zeal is unabated, and her success marked. Fifty families at Colonelgunge, and sixty at Nawabgunge, are under regular instruction. *Ajudhya*, another new station, has already ninety families represented, in the thirty Zenanas open to the Bible women. Twice a year thousands of women flock to this place to bathe in the waters of the Ghagra. Missionary ladies and their helpers, from Lucknow and Bareilly, preached the gospel to hundreds of these deluded women, during the bathing mela in November, and demonstrated the power of a properly organized body of those women, to meet such an emergency.

In *Barabanki*, *Daryabad* and *Bahramghat*, eight Bible women visit in one hundred and twenty Zenanas. Fair progress is made in three girls' schools. Sunday Schools are very well attended. Mrs. Kastendieck has charge of the work in *Roy Bareilly*. Six Bible women visit two hundred

and twenty-six houses. There are three day schools, while the Sunday School work is very prosperous. In *Unao* there are four schools and three Bible teachers, and the progress made is encouraging. The Girls' High School at *Cawnpore* has passed a very successful year, eighty-three names enrolled, the average attendance fifty-three. The income of the school has been equal to its needs, including the repairs called for. Altogether the year has been among the most successful and profitable of the nine which cover the existence of this school.

Seven years of heavy care and almost uninterrupted labor, given by Miss Easton, required a visit to the U. S., and complete rest to prepare her for resuming her duties in India. Miss Harvey, who has proved a good burden bearer, was made superintendent, and Miss Kyle is assisting her and learning the language at the same time. Miss Reed, in charge of Zenana work, reports a great increase in the number of houses visited, sixty new ones having been opened during the year, making in all one hundred and twelve. She has three young lady assistants, and three Bible readers. Miss Reed says: "More doors are open to us than we can enter with our small force, and with these opportunities, we are constantly tempted to spread ourselves over more ground than we can occupy. What a wealth of opportunity awaits us, when we shall with a full corps of laborers, be fully prepared to meet it. There are 189,000 Heathen and Mohammedans in this great city, and only about 4500 of these are reached by the Zenanas and schools of the three missions established here. There are eight day schools, and each Sunday as they gather, the assistants and Christian teachers, give them lessons in the catechism, hymns and Bible verses, and the hours so spent are much enjoyed by all." The *Mohulla* and *Ghat* work has been kept up all the year, and with considerable interest. The weekly prayer meetings have been well attended, and have been a source of strength and good.

The medical work so long called for in *Cawnpore*, was opened by Dr. Hyde in February, 1885. In the first year 1400 visits were made, and 4,645 patients treated. The work seemed to promise great results. Early in 1886, Miss Hyde was taken sick, and since then the work has been interrupted, and a corresponding depression followed in the hopes of those who counted so much on this power of healing to dispel prejudice, and open doors closed to all other influences. The Sunday School work in Oudh District is especially active and successful.

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Teachers in English Schools.....	12
Assistants.....	8



Bible Women.....	64
Day Schools.....	40
"    Pupils.....	800
Boarding Schools.....	3
"    "    Pupils .....	252
Zenanas Visited.....	1538
Women under Instruction.....	3644
Home for Homeless Women.....	1
Inmates    "    "    .....	34
Patients in Zenanas.....	3525
"    "    Dispensary.....	1120

## KUMAON DISTRICT.

MISSIONARY OF THE W. F. M. S.

MISS E. L. KNOWLES.

MISSIONARIES OF PARENT BOARD,

MRS DR. WAUGH,

MRS. T. CRAVEN.

The four central stations of this District — *Dwarahat, Pithoragarh, Pauri* and *Naini Tal* — afford our society a broad and interesting field of labor. A song of praise ascends from the hearts of those in charge of the school in Pauri, for continued health and numerous other blessings. The work has been slow and some discouragements have shadowed the way, but the light of the glorious gospel has entered many mountain homes and the praises of the Lord ascend from many true and loyal hearts.

In October last, eight of the girls, accompanied by one of the assistants, attended the District Conference at Dwarahat, and received great strength and blessing. Most of the girls in the orphanage are really trying to do right, and love and serve the blessed Saviour. In one of them we find a beautiful faith, in the blessed promise that "whatsoever things ye desire when ye pray, believe that ye have them and ye shall receive them." She had wanted something very much and had prayed earnestly for it, but like many of us was *surprised* when God answered her prayer, and went to her teacher, saying, that God had given her just what she had been praying for. The six classes in the school have made steady progress, the third and fourth classes especially making marked improvement. Four classes are now studying Urdu, which has been introduced this year, also several new books in Hindi have been placed in the course of study. The girls are taught up to the middle class standard. The

Government Inspector of schools gave a very favorable testimonial of the condition of the school: There are forty-five names registered, with an average daily attendance of thirty-nine. Twenty-eight being pupils from the orphanage, the others are day scholars.

The village work in Pauri has met with discouragements, but has been faithfully prosecuted. There are three village schools, and in these we have great hopes; forty-six children attend and through them we hope to reach the parents. In Srinagar the work is very encouraging. The Bible woman finds access to many hearts, and the girls' school is a prosperous one.

### DWARAHAT.

Mrs. Waugh and Miss Boyd have charge of the work. They commenced the year with six girls in the boarding school, the number has increased until their family numbers eighteen. The classes have done good work in their studies, have improved much in sewing, the older girls learning to cut out their own and the little girls clothes. Once a week all the girls visit the villages with the Bible reader; they assist in singing, and talk with the girls they meet, and many little girls have become anxious to attend school. They make them special subjects of prayer, that they may be permitted to come to the school. A year of good health, increased interest in the homes, and numerous inquiries concerning our school, and a growth in the number of scholars give abundant cause of thankfulness.

System in village work seems impossible. Mrs. Waugh says:—"The women work so hard, that it is difficult to get a time when they can hear the word of God; we try to meet them when we can, by the roadside, where they sit down to rest, or in the fields; we tell them of Him who said 'come unto me and I will give you rest'." Miss Boyd has succeeded in establishing sewing classes in three of the schools. Another plan is to call the groups of women passing up the mountain in the morning into the little mission chapel which stands by the road side, and sing and talk to them while she and the older school girls, armed with needles, thread, and pieces of the cloth worn by the hill women, sew up rents and put on patches. They sit, gladly listening, and often look in, in the evening, as they go back with their burdens, to see if the Miss Sahibis still there, and will tell them more and sing to them again. Nineteen villages are visited, and we daily see signs that show plainly that much of the seed sown has fallen on good ground.

In one village an old woman watches eagerly for the coming of the Bible readers, begs of them to sit longer, "to read more," to sing the hymns over again and again, and is impatient if the time is spent in talking of anything but of the lesson read. In another village a young girl timidly whispers, I don't worship idols; I love God, I do wish my

parents would let me go to school and learn more of what you teach us."

So the heaven is working in every village; some one, often more than one, is eager to hear the word and would be glad to come and learn daily if she could. We look back on the year, seeing many plans we fondly hoped to see executed, untouched, still every day has been full of work and God has been with us every step of the way.

### PITHORAGARH,

Associated always in our minds with Miss Budden's loving care and labor, from which impaired health severed her for two years, but who has recently returned to the work which holds the highest place in her thought and affection, has during her absence been under the competent supervision of Mrs. Grant. Of this work Mrs. Grant says;—This Home shelters seventeen waifs and strays. There were 12 at the beginning of the year, but one not liking the restraint and work required, soon left, preferring a life of freedom and semi-starvation without regular work, to a respectable life and labor. Parbati, a gentle Christian woman, left to accompany her daughter to Pauri. Two new ones were admitted, making the number seventeen. Parti, the one mentioned in last year's report as refusing to worship our God, was with her little girl, baptized in May. She has lived quietly and worked well.

The farm work has been carried on extensively, some more land bought and some cattle. The women have worked cheerfully, and a good deal of grain has been sown; as the work pressed, school had to be neglected, but daily religious instruction is given each morning. An appeal in the Witness for assistance in supporting the home, resulted in donations amounting to two hundred and fifty rupees. Sixty-one names are enrolled in the village sewing class; ninety-five attend Sunday School. The S. S. collections are distributed among twenty-one blind and leprous beggars, who are gathered outside of the church and instructed. Dr. Dease formed a medical class in the boarding school; six of the girls and three teachers joined, and show great perseverance in prosecuting their studies. Many show in their lives that they have learned of Him, and walk in the light.

### NAINI TAL.

Miss Knowles writes favorably of Zenana and school work at Naini Tal, and the work already accomplished leads her to hope that the day is not far distant when our sisters, so long secluded behind the curtains of the Zenana, shall enjoy our liberty. The name of Jesus is now as familiar to these women as the names of Ram and Krishna, and in many instances they are better acquainted with the history of our Lord than the facts and fables of the heathen gods. There are thirty-three families visited. In

these families six Mohammedan, forty Hindus and two Christians are included. They are learning to read and do needlework, and all are under religious instruction. There are two Hindu women under special religious instruction. A number have been baptized and many more are anxiously inquiring about the new way. Mrs. Knowles says:—"How times have changed! In 1853, when Naini Tal was our only hill station, not one Zenana was open to us, and it was thought respectable Zenanas never would be, but now think of the hundreds open in the North India Conference to admit the light of the gospel, of the thousands of gladdened hearts that welcome our army of Bible readers. Let us thank God and take courage."

The Girls' High School at Naini Tal under the care of Miss Knowles. The numbers have increased during the year, and friends have gathered around as in no other year. The work of providing such school buildings as will be adapted to future needs, requires great faith in God. They have commenced the work, trusting that Government will, as promised in the new Educational Code, furnish one-half the cost when the buildings are completed. This will, however, be a slow work involving many tedious details.

The character of this school requires the best instruction, and they have attached great importance to thorough primary work. The Government Inspector's examination showed good attainment by the scholars, and several were promoted to the higher grades. Average number of boarders forty-two; attendance of day pupils twenty-five. There has been a good degree of religious interest, and the school has in every respect maintained a high moral tone, and a current of thought pervades the school which will bring permanent strength of character to these girls.

For these open Zenanas, for sheltered waifs and homeless women, for christian education for the girls, for the Christ love abiding in their hearts and governing these lives, we thank God and rejoice that our Lord has given us a part in these labors.

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Missionary W. F. M. S.....	1
Missionary Parent Board.....	2
Assistants.....	6
Bible women.....	12
Teachers in English School.....	4
Boarding schools.....	4
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## SOUTH INDIA.

## MISSIONARIES.

MISS M. E. LAYTON, Calcutta.	MISS E. WARNER, Rangoon.
MISS M. HEDRICK, “	MISS JULIA WISNER, “

From Rev. A. W. Rudisill P. E., of Madras district, communications concerning the work have been received, and estimates for the same.

He speaks in highest terms of our missionary, Miss De Line, and prays that more such women may be sent into the field.

Very interesting letters have been forwarded by him from Miss Grace Stephens, a Eurasian Zenana worker, who is now visiting twenty-one houses, and whose labors are being crowned with success. Not only are the women eagerly seeking instruction, but the men, some of them at least, are desirous that the women should be educated. He asks that two ladies be sent from America, of deep spiritual experience, intellectual superiority combined with a high degree of organizing and executive ability, and adds:

“There are many nominal Tamil Christians, who would throw all their influence with workers competent to lead them to Jesus.”

He also asks the re-appointment of Miss Stephens, whose photograph accompanies her letters, as first assistant, and another to aid her in the growing work.

He also presses upon our attention the claims of

## HYDERABAD

and asks the same for this field as for Madras.

How can all these claims be met?

From Singapore have come letters from Brother and Sister Oldham.

In January, 1886, after having received the tidings that the work in Singapore had been assumed, they wrote, full of hope and joy that they would be speedily reinforced, but alas! the needed missionaries have not been found, we are still looking to the Lord and the church for them, and trust they will be speedily found. I read a letter addressed to the ladies in assembly at Providence, by Sister Oldham, also one from Brother Oldham. The schools at Calcutta and Rangoon have prospered; both full; an estimate came from Rangoon for money to build an addition, as the growing work needed more room. Miss Wisner is rapidly acquiring

the Burmese language and will probably be given native work as soon as any one can be sent to take her place.

May all these wide doors be speedily entered for Christ and souls.

## BOMBAY.

### MISSIONARIES W. F. M. S.

MISS SARAH M. DE LINE,

MISS MARY C. ELLIOTT.

### ASSISTANTS,

MISS SHEWANTI B. POWER,

MISS L. B. POWER,

MISS EMMA TRACY,

MISS S. A. WRIGHT.

### BIBLE WOMEN,

KASHIBAI,

PRITHECBAL.

The city of Bombay, which numbers a population of 800,000 souls, presents within its borders a vast field for missionary effort — five hundred thousand of its people are Hindus, 158,000 Mussulmans, about 50,000 Parsees, the remainder comprising Jews, Indo-Europeans, Africans, Europeans, native Christians and Chinese. The efforts of our society have been directed to the women of the Zenanas — Miss De Line, with her assistants, visiting regularly, once or twice a week, over eighty homes, in many of which there are two or three who listen to their instructions, making one hundred and seventeen being taught, and three hundred spoken to weekly.

Although the most recent of missionary agencies in the city, yet its success and great opportunities have been very marked. The force of workers, beside Miss De Line and Miss Elliott, were all found in Bombay. For each emergency there has been some one found ready and well fitted for the work. The helpers are the Misses Power, Miss Tracy, Miss Wright and two Bible women. Two others are asked for the coming year, one for work especially among the Mohammedans. Miss Power is a native lady who speaks five languages and is an excellent theologian and can meet the arguments of the skeptically educated natives, a very important qualification. She is beloved by her pupils and has great influence with them. Miss Tracy studies hard on the Marathi language and fluently speaks the language of Caanan. Miss Wright is the youngest, and is a very promising young lady, and succeeds remarkably in interesting her pupils in their Bible lessons. She was brought up by her aunt, mother of Mrs. Oldham. One of their Bible women died this year, strong in the faith of the gospel. Her place was difficult to fill but the one chosen is highly spoken of.

These assistants have written frequent letters telling of their work. From one of them we quote: "I visit twenty houses every week and have twenty-five scholars. Oftentimes as soon as the teaching is over quite a



large number of the members of the family gather round to hear the reading of God's word. Many show their interest by asking questions. At one house Miss De Line and I were shown by the lady, pictures of her gods and goddesses. We told her of the only true God. She said she was taught this image worship when a child and she wished us to teach her daughter of the true and living God." In most places we are warmly welcomed and our coming is anxiously looked for, the reading from God's word listened to with manifest interest and the lesson from it nearly always remembered."

The natives are all very fond of singing, and never tire of our hymns. There have been some heart conversions and baptisms, but the circumstances of the converts are not such that they can let their light shine save in their secluded households, and but dimly there.

From a number of the ministers and presiding elders residing in and about Bombay there have come to the official correspondent appeals to our society to open school work in Bombay. Its great desirability and urgent needs have been strikingly set forth. One of these says that in Government vernacular schools in Bombay there were in 1881 Marathi boys in school 20,008, Marathi girls, one hundred and thirty-four. Of Gujarati and Hindustani boys, 1888, of girls, four hundred and fifty. Besides this there are a few private schools. Most of the girls in the Gujarati schools are Parsees." But while the need for these people is pressing, these brethren urge more especially the necessity for schools to educate the children of the members and others who come under their influence. It is said that there is not an available woman among our Methodist people who is competent to do the work even of a Bible woman. Our assistants have all been educated in other missions, and we can not expect to successfully carry on work without laying foundations broad and deep. Brother Bruere is about opening a small school for girls, and expresses a willingness to give the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society workers entire control and ownership of it if we desire, and appropriate therefor. Miss De Line writes of an excellent teacher available. Shall we turn a deaf ear to these multiplied entreaties?

A very manifest spiritual quickening has been shared by all our workers there. One of them, after spending three hours on her knees in earnest prayer, rejoiced in the abundance of God's grace, and renewed consecration to the work has been joyfully pledged by all. This consecration, shown so clearly in their performance of daily duties there, voices itself in earnest words like these from Miss De Line. "The immensity of this work presses upon me. We are reaching three hundred per week with good tidings, but ah! the death rate is over four hundred, of whom only now and then one has ever heard of Christ.

Then the throngs of little children to whom idolatry and superstition are so terribly cruel, the multitudes of ill-treated and beaten

women, the infants married, taken from their own mothers and placed with mothers-in-law who are expected to treat the child with the utmost rigor, all these things, and the thronging multitudes of this city, move me. But I do not feel that this work depends on us, or on God's more efficient children, or on the friends in America. It is God's own work, he can carry it on independently of us all, and how greatly has he honored us by permitting us to be laborers herein." Reviewing thankfully the eminent success which has crowned the work of our society in Bombay shall we not also catch the spirit of earnestness, take up the responsibility so pressing upon us, and say "Go forward."

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## CHINA.

Women's Work, Opened in Foo Chow in 1858.

### FOO CHOW.

#### MISSIONARIES.

MISS LIZZIE M. FISHER,

MISS CARRIE I. JEWELL,

" CATHERINE COREY, M. D.

" SUSAN PRAY, M. D.

It will be hard to compress within the proper limits of this report all the good things that it seems needful to say of our work in Foo Chow. Of the devotion, earnestness and efficiency of our workers, no words of praise would be too high. That Miss Fisher broke down under incessant labor, and had to seek rest and recuperation in Japan, is no matter of surprise to those who know the burdens borne; that health and strength have returned is matter for warmest gratitude; and also that Dr. Pray has gone out during the year, to assist the overtaxed Dr. Corey, in meeting the constantly increasing demands for Medical work. Still the trained nurse, and the woman to take charge of the Woman's School, and one that may allow one of our present force to enter the open door for evangelistic work, are argued for with a power, and plead for with a pathos that would seem irresistible.

The opening event of the year, and an epoch in our Woman's Missionary work in Foo Chow, was the holding of the Woman's Conference in connection with the Annual Conference. It was a meeting composed of the women, gathered together from all parts of the work, to be examined and instructed as Bible women and Teachers, for discussion of methods, exchange of views and sentiments, deepening of Christian experience and general helpfulness. Miss Fisher writes: "It was something entirely new among Chinese women. One of the leading men in the Conference prayed for the Woman's Conference as one of the most wonderful events, stranger to the Chinese than the electric telegraph. He said: 'That seemed so wonderful, we thought we would never see it

here in China, but last year the telegraph came, and now the Woman's Conference.' The Annual Conference gave the delegates from this, Miss Fisher and Mrs. Ting Sing Kung a formal reception. At the same time they received the representatives of other missions, and when they had made their speeches, one of the English missionaries said his heart was so full and burning, that he must speak and express his pleasure that the Methodist women had taken this step. Then we sang 'Revive us again,' as I have never heard a Chinese congregation sing it before. This I must say, that our Woman's Conference was a success, and a source of blessing and strength to all who attended."

#### BOARDING SCHOOL.

Miss Jewell writes: "Before the first term closed, we knew our estimate had been granted, and we sent out the glad word "Come," to thirteen waiting applicants. How anxiously we watched their arrival. On Friday afternoon, March 19, while I was busy with my teacher, Miss Fisher came hurrying in from school, saying: 'Sing the Doxology.' 'Why?' 'Our sixtieth scholar has come.' 'Who?' 'The blacksmith's daughter.' It was sung in our hearts, though with a tone of sadness mingling with the exultant notes; for were there not still twelve applicants on our list! But when I went down to the school and saw little Tsing Chai's modest pretty face, I was not sorry that she had been the one to bring the mingled joy and sadness. Now we were full, and began wishing immediately that we had a school house that would hold one hundred." Then the different signs of improvement are given; the willingness to pay for books used, quiet study where there had been noisiest vociferation, regularity and a desire to please, and above all a blessed revival of religion, where many were brought into clear, satisfying and rejoicing relation to the Lord Jesus Christ, and which Miss J. characterizes as one of the deepest and most genuine she had ever known. "It is scarcely necessary to write you of our blessed revival this winter, for so much has already been written. But I will add that those who were so blessed at that time, have shown the fruit of it in their lives. Some of the best Sunday afternoon meetings we had were the very last ones. At one, just before the close of school, thirty-three girls either spoke or read texts. At the weekly prayer meeting a few of the girls occasionally gained courage to speak. This is in itself a new departure. At our last meeting, a modest, bashful girl rose, and facing the gentlemen students, delivered quite a speech on the ability and worth of Chinese women and girls; that God had bestowed on them as great gifts, and on those who become His followers, as great spiritual blessings, as on their brothers, that Chinese women and girls were beginning to see that their knowledge was limited only by their application, their spiritual power only by their faith.

It astonished us all, as our scholar uttered these eloquent, telling sentences in a strong, clear voice. This is one of the strongest instances, but there are others, showing that the minds of these girls are broadening and strengthening, that China may look for more intelligent women to rule her homes. I cannot tell you how dear these girls are to us. We watch carefully over their spiritual growth, and often prayers of thanksgiving rise from our hearts as we see Satan conquered, through the indwelling of the Divine presence. "Blessed is he that helpeth the little ones, he shall have peace in his days." Yes, His own blessed peace is ours, but we nevermore can be satisfied with helping only sixty at a time. We must have a larger school house! How soon?"

#### DAY SCHOOLS.

The standard for teachers and teaching in these, has been considerably advanced during the year, the former being required to come to Foo Chow and pass an examination, during Conference. This has led to some diminution in numbers. Reviewing these, Miss Jewell writes: "So you see we have in all ten schools, with an enrollment of one hundred and twenty-three, besides the mixed school at Hok Chiang whose enrollment is unknown. And each one of these schools, no matter what its deficiencies or defects, is a light in a dark place. Oh! such darkness!"

#### WOMEN'S SCHOOL.

In Foo Chow, our woman's class consisted of three married women and eight girls between the ages of thirteen and nineteen; of these one woman and two girls have bound feet. The *Ing Chung* woman's school has an enrollment of ten women and two girls. This is in the new work, and is surely starting well.

The *Hing Hwa* woman's school has twenty scholars, fourteen married women, and six girls over fifteen years of age. This school is doing excellent work. Rev. Hū Po Mi was here to-day, telling me that he had held examinations at the school every month, and that there was talk now, of the women being examined once a month publicly, at the church, and having a woman's meeting in connection with the examinations. 'The world moves.' So, you see, although the prospects look so dark, when we look only at the discouragements surrounding our woman's class, here we have at least thirty-three married women in training this year. It makes me feel like singing the Doxology."

#### ENGLISH WORK.

This is somewhat an experiment, as taught in the school. After giving the progress made therein, and many quaint, choice expressions given by the children, as far as our girls are concerned, it has only broadened and strengthened their minds, and made them freer in giving expression to the experience of their hearts. It is all for Him; and surely His blessing has attended the effort so far.

## MEDICAL WORK.

This has been carried on by Dr. Corey, with a devotion almost sublime in its simple-heartedness and earnestness. It includes hospital and dispensary work in the foreign concession, three and one-half miles from the city, and dispensary work in the heart of the city, in a small room in one of our chapels, two days in the week. She pleads for enlarged city quarters entirely under the control of our society. Eight hundred and fifty dollars have already been given, by the Chinese, toward this work when undertaken in the city, with several small gifts from friends, and the promise of another thousand. She asks us to give her a thousand toward continuing this enterprise on this broader, better basis. In nine months she has treated, on these two days in the week, 2024 patients. In the hospital proper (six days) over 1600. She has four Christian girls under training as medical students. Her work has so impressed the English community that they have during the year given her five hundred and twenty dollars, to be used in furnishing the hospital; and which has been devoted to the purchase of iron bedsteads, greatly to the comfort of the patients. They will rejoice in Dr. Pray's reinforcement of the work.

Every mail pleads for reinforcements. One writes: "If the ladies could only see how much is to be done here, I am sure some of those who are waiting until more funds could be raised would be sent at once. Do not think I am discouraged; I am full of hope and happiness, but I want you to see things as they are here. God is with us, and I am willing to spend and be spent in this cause, but cannot think it necessary to spend all at once. Better for the Society, our work and ourselves, to continue the spending several years. It hurts to be shut within such narrow doors, when all the Christians in America have prayed so long that the doors might be open. *The doors are open, but who is to enter them?* Would that two ladies were now on the way!"

The doors are open! Twenty-eight years ago two sisters went from us, the first we sent to this distinctively woman's work to press open these doors. For more than twenty-five years they worked and waited and God blessed their labors. While these tidings were coming to us in our General Executive Committee, another door was being opened, and Beulah Woolston was entering in through the gates into the city.

## NORTH CHINA.

Woman's work, opened in 1871.

## MISSIONARIES.

MISS ANNIE B. SEARS,

MISS ANNA D. GLOSS, M. D.

MRS. CHARLOTTE M. JEWELL,

MISS NELLIE R. GREEN.

The year has been a most eventful one in the history of our mission in Peking.

The long talked of and much needed New Home, and the enlargement of the school building provided for in the appropriations for 1886, were projected as a part of the work to be planned for and looked after by the heroic ladies already doing double duty, in the care of the school of between fifty and sixty girls, and of the Home. Miss Sears not strong, Mrs. Jewell suffering much from her eyes, it would have looked an *impossible* undertaking for less brave hearts, and we confess to a good deal of misgiving as to the advisability of the enterprise, until reinforcements should arrive from home.

But the plans were made and the work commenced quite early in the spring. The task involved great inconvenience and confusion, as the old house must be vacated, and the school premises also, while the repairs were going on.

The girls have been moved from place to place, while sixty or more workmen have been scattered about the courts.

The work went on slowly, but everything seemed favorable for the completion of both houses before cold weather.

In July, Miss Sears writes:—"Just as our school alterations were completed and we were rejoicing in the prospect of restored order, and the more commodious accommodations we had so long needed, an edict was issued for the opening up of a long and deeply buried sewer just back of our premises. It proved to be buried some ten or more feet under ground, and as work went on our buildings were found to rest directly upon the sewer, so that it cannot be excavated unless our buildings are removed. It is said the sewer has not been opened for a hundred years, and no one knew until it was excavated, just where it was, and the wall of our property stood above it when purchased, so that we are in no way responsible for the intrusion on public property, but must be to some extent the sufferers. The official in charge of this work promises, if we will permit the buildings to be taken in far enough to allow of the opening of the sewer—probably five feet—they will indemnify us to the extent of rebuilding them as they now stand. But to secure ourselves against danger another time, we must build a solid foundation up from the level of the sewer bottom, some seventeen feet below the surface, and must make some other changes in plans of buildings necessitated by the smaller spaces to build upon." This gives some idea of the perplexities connected with the matter of building, in addition to the work. After the first set of buildings had to be taken down, and the contract for re-building was given out, another calamity succeeded, and sixty feet more of buildings fell into the ditch. When our school premises had to be vacated, the ladies were kindly offered the use of the boys' school house and dormitories, the latter bordering on the



sewer. A severe rain storm occurred soon after their removal to these quarters, which cracked the walls, and two weeks later the entire back walls fell into the open sewer. Miss Sears writes Aug. 5th: "Here we are, only separated from the open street, by the ditch full of water during the rains — and of filth when they subside, and this at all times exhaling foul odors and disease, distant from us where we must eat and sleep not more than thirty or forty feet! But we have been kept reasonably well, free from danger, -- and the girls have been brave and cheerful, and our feeling is one of deep thankfulness for the mercies surrounding us, especially as contrasted with the deep misfortunes of our Chung King friends.

Our new home is not yet completed, though the prospect now is that another week will see us in it if we can arrange for taking our girls with us, for we cannot go and leave them here."

Mrs. Jewell is still unable to make use of her eyes for reading or writing. As there are lines of work in which she can be quite as useful in the abstract, as in the school, and which she could carry on without close study such as she would find necessary in school work, it is hoped that she may not be under the *necessity* of coming home. Miss Green is taking part in the work as far as practicable, — applying herself most assiduously to the study of the language.

Tsun Hua, one of the most inviting fields in North China, is waiting for two ladies to be sent." The site for a "Home and School" is bought and paid for, and \$2,000 in our home treasury, ready for the building, when there can be suitable "help" to take up and carry forward this enterprise.

In Tientsin, Dr. Gloss has been carrying on the medical work most satisfactorily, having received much assistance from Dr. Akers Perkins, to whom we are greatly indebted for her continued interest, constant and faithful attendance, both at the hospital and among the out patients.

Miss Yates, who had charge not only of the training school for Bible women, but also of the general evangelistic work, left in Nov., with no one to take her place permanently. Mrs. Walker and Mrs. Davis, of the Parent Board, took charge for a while, but their own cares and work demanded their time and strength, and the school was given up in early spring. The sixteen pupils in the school had made very commendable advancement, some of them developing intellectual comprehension of the truth, and spiritual discernment as well.

While under instruction they were tested by actual service. Daily "two by two they visited and taught in such homes as were open to a teacher of the 'Jesus doctrine.'" During the year these women of the school have been enduring trial and persecution in their homes, and by their fortitude and faith are hastening the coming of the "kingdom of Christ" in the land of darkness.

## CENTRAL CHINA.

Woman's Work, Opened in 1872.

MISSIONARIES.

MISS L. H. HOAG, M. D., MISS M. C. ROBINSON.

The work in Central China lies in Chin kiang, Wuhu, Nanking and Kiu kiang.

In Chin kiang, Miss Robinson and Miss Hoag, M. D., have been at work for two years. Miss Hoag had the great advantage of a knowledge of the Chinese language. Having lived in Kiukiang seven years, she returned to this country and studied medicine, after which she was sent to Chin kiang to open medical work. These ladies have labored at a disadvantage in having to rent inconvenient buildings for their work. For some time they had to make a dispensary of the hall or passage way of their own home. Miss Hoag writes that she has so many patients that it takes all her time to attend to their diseases, and often she loses the opportunity to speak to them of Christ. She begs that a third lady may be sent to help among these women, and in the home and school. Miss Robinson has charge of the school, and expresses her thanks for a handsome donation of maps, sent out through Mr. Pilcher, from Michigan. She says we would be interested in seeing how proud the little Chinese are of showing their knowledge, and pointing out the localities on the map. Miss Robinson writes they have five little orphan girls in the home, and she hopes when they get into the new building they will have room to take a larger number. The description of the people proves that these ladies have no sentimental work on hand, and that they have to teach a gospel of cleanliness for body and soul. It seems to be impossible to rent suitable accommodations for the home and work in Chin kiang, and indeed for some time we were unable to find land that could be purchased for our purposes. In March Miss Hoag wrote that the superintendent had obtained for them a piece of land of about three acres, in a desirable location on the hill. She says, "I wish you could see the place. There could not be a better sanitary location." The building has progressed until they hope to move in by Christmas, and then if another lady can be sent, we hope to have a very successful work in Chin kiang. Both Miss Robinson and Miss Hoag have gained the favor and appreciation of all the workers, as well as the Chinese, and Dr. Beebe, of Nanking, suggests that these ladies be transferred to Nanking and new ones sent to Chin kiang, for he is fearful we cannot find two more so well adapted in all respects for the work. This we respectfully decline, believing that the women for Nanking are within the possibilities. Three thousand two hundred and fifty dollars were sent last year for the purchase of property in Chin kiang. The work in Wuhu consists of a small school under the care of Mrs. Jackson, in the school building, erected by the W. F. M. S.

Mrs. Jackson writes that it is important for a lady to be sent to Wuhu, and she would say a medical lady, if the work is to be regularly organized.

"Though the school is small the work of the Bible woman is very successful among the women. She goes about among the farming communities to invite them to come to church. The crowds, mostly women, who come to us, are so great that we have to lock the door of the school room to prevent so many entering at once. On this account, because we could not bear to shut out those who were seeking the gospel, my husband has put up a little chapel to accommodate these women, for which he has used the balance in the treasury belonging to the W. F. M. S. I trust the irregularity will be overlooked, but the case was so urgent, and my husband is so deeply interested in all that concerns this work and these poor women."

Last year it was announced that we would commence work in Nanking, but the Chinese move slowly, and it was found that some time must pass before proper arrangements could be made for a home and school. The parent society had secured land upon which to erect a hospital, but Mr. Hart failed in his efforts to secure land for the W. F. M. S. After building the hospital the brethren found they had more land than was needed for their purpose, and consented to sell a part to the woman's society, so that all difficulties are out of the way, and two ladies will probably be sent very soon to commence work and direct the building. In Kiu kiang the work has not been reinforced this year and we have little to say about its success at present. We are hoping that Miss Howe and Miss Wheeler may tarry long enough in Kiu kiang, to start the work which so much needs their supervision, and their present difficulties in Chung king may be to Kiu kiang a special blessing. It must be a great gratification to Miss Howe and Miss Hoag, after their hard toil from the beginning of their work in China, to see the fruit of their labors in the various missions. Miss Robinson writes to a friend who had written to secure the education of a little girl in Chin kiang: "The work among women is already telling in many places. At Wuhu the girls' school is taught by a member of the Kiu kiang school, so long under the care of Miss Howe and Miss Hoag. At Chin kiang the nurse of the foundlings, the best Chinese christian I know, is a result of the Kiu kiang work. An assistant to Dr. Hoag in the dispensary, in her talks to the women on religion, gives valuable service. She was also a member of the Kiu kiang school. Still another member is studying medicine, with a view to dispensary work, and the foundation of her excellent Biblical, as well as secular knowledge, was laid in Kiu kiang. In Nanking and other places there are women from Canton and Hanchow schools, doing good service in the work, showing that the work among women, though slow, is deep and true. We are encouraged in this work by the review of the past, and we are anxiously hoping for the means to enlarge and accommodate this Chinese work.

## WEST CHINA.

## MISSIONARIES.

MISS F. WHEELER.

MISS. G. HOWE.

With sad hearts we now turn our thoughts to another province of the great Chinese Empire, the Szechuan Province, or West China mission. Four years ago, Chung King, its great commercial city, was reached by our missionaries and occupied in the name of Christ. The women seemed more accessible than in other places, and attracted by curiosity, the novelty of the strange appearance and teaching of our ladies, flocked about them. Woman's meetings were held, an orphanage was established with sixteen orphans, a boarding school of thirty-three children was gathered. The women were visited in their homes. Miss Howe had written: "How strange that all my eloquence brought no recruits this year. I think we are making slow but sure advance against heathenism—but what do you expect with our numbers? Our influence will be lost, if left as we are. We must have two hundred missionaries for West China, not all Methodists, of course, but other denominations must come in. I am praying for two hundred missionaries for this field. Have you not faith to join me in such a petition? All the work was carried on in the heart of the city, where there was scarcely living, breathing room. A picture was sent of the crowded quarters, where houses had to be torn down to give needed light and air—then word came of the purchase of ground beautifully located on a bluff, over the river, where cooling, healthful breezes might come, but running down to the great highway that passes through the province—a little over three miles out of the city. This was to be the home, orphanage, boarding school property, while that in the city would be reserved for hospital and day school, and woman's meetings, and a centre for evangelistic work. May 18 came a letter from Miss Wheeler, one dated May 28 from Miss Howe, with accounts of all this, and no intimations of the coming storm that burst upon them the early part of July. Why, how, it happened, we are not quite able to tell. Rumors of the treatment of Chinese; treatment of a character that should make every true American citizen bow his head in shame, bad enough at best, but grossly exaggerated; the universal use of the sacred color of the Chinese, yellow, by the Roman Catholics in their church, are among the reasons assigned for the outbreak. But be the causes what they may the mob broke loose, every missionary was compelled to fly for his life, every vestige of mission property was destroyed. Miss Wheeler writes from Ichang, six hundred miles down the river, where she had fled, taking refuge in the home of the member of the church of Scotland—"after being confined two long, long weeks within the home of the magistrate, packed in closely, and in suspense hourly as to what might next

happen. School closed with interesting exercises the day before the mob. Ominous placards, however, had been posted all over the city several days previous, and dreadful rumors were afloat, but our work went on as usual to the very last. About two hours after leaving our mission premises, the looters entered and disturbed everything. What could not be carried away was torn to pieces or burnt. Even the paving stones were torn up, and trees also." So, for the present, our work is wrecked, at least the material part of it. The missionaries are scattered. Miss Howe, with some of her orphans, had taken refuge in Kiu-Kiang. Miss Wheeler and Mrs. Mary Porter Gamewell are in this country, and some of us have been deeply touched as we have heard them, with such simplicity, tell the story of these days of trial, and the Divine protection that was so graciously vouchsafed, with the Divine peace in which they were so blessedly and constantly kept. Nothing daunted or discouraged, they hope yet to return to this work—they believe good will yet come of it—for immortal seed has been sown,—“my word” “which shall not return unto me void”—baptized with much prayer. So we will believe that this wrath of man shall be made to praise God, that even these untoward events shall turn out for the furtherance of the gospel.

## JAPAN.

### TOKIO.

Woman's Work, Opened in 1874.

#### MISSIONARIES.

MISS M. A. SPENCER,

MISS F. J. WHEELER.

“ A. P. ATKINSON,

“ A. KAULBACH.

The work in connection with the Tokio Home has broadened somewhat through the past year, but not by any means to the extent it might have done, had there not been enforced limitations in means and workers. Just before the estimates for the current year were sent, it dawned upon us that the time had fully come for the establishment of a primary school (separate and distinct from this in the foreign concession), which should be out in the city, easily accessible to a large class of patrons where, too, kindergarten and religious instruction could be given to little folks while their hearts are impressible. Experience has proved that it is unwise to have older and younger pupils, (girls are admitted from seven to eighteen), in the same building. The plan met the approval of the mission authorities, and estimates for the purchase of land and erection of a building, were sent with their endorsement, but the ladies at home found it impossible to grant this request, allowing us instead a small appropriation for some additional rooms to our present “Home.” This we were unable to utilize



at once, and, therefore, bent our energies toward the accommodation of one hundred pupils in a school planned for seventy. It is unnecessary to give the particulars of this dovetailing process. About fifty have been refused admission. It is a cause for gratitude that there have been no serious illnesses, typhoons or earthquakes to interrupt the steady, even course of the year's work. The health of all has been good, and the creditable examination in May gave evidence of work faithfully done. Only three pupils failed to merit promotion, and as these were supported scholars, it was thought best as a warning and stimulus to others, to discontinue them. Three were graduated in the English course of study, but continue in the school another year to complete their Chinese and Japanese studies, teaching the unoccupied half of their time. One of these is also giving music lessons on the cabinet organ to some of the younger girls. All are most valuable helpers in School and Bible work.

Self-support is most desirable and in the course of time may be largely required of those entering, but as yet we must chiefly depend for our workers upon those secured to us by a contract, promising a goodly number of years for study, and two years afterward as helpers, in return for what they have received. Our Sunday schools are largely carried on through the assistance of our graduate and older pupils, and in the day schools their help is indispensable. Two of our teachers are graduates. The Chinese teacher employed during the last two years became too feeble to attend to his duties toward the close of the term. He was a simple-hearted old man, not ignorant of the truths of our blessed religion, for his son and daughter are both Christians. He died rather suddenly the last day of May. In his stead a suitable *gakusha* (learned man) has been secured, who is becoming interested in religion, and contributes monthly to the support of the pastor. It was while conversing with this teacher about Christianity, one Sunday in July, that one of our older girls who has seemed to harden her heart against Christian influences, and who has been the subject of daily prayer for the past four years, decided to become a Christian herself. This conversion is the crowning joy of the year, one for which we give most ardent thanks and from which we have much to hope for the future. With this there have been thirteen conversions during the year. All but three have been baptized and admitted to the church; these are still on probation.

Christmas was made delightful to all by beautiful dolls from Brooklyn, and gifts from Miss Watson's friends in the West. This is the very happiest day in the year to our girls, not only because so kindly remembered, but because they have a true appreciation of the meaning of God's best gift to them. Children's day is now an established anniversary, and all take great interest in decorating the church with flowers and in making the exercises and collection profitable. Over five yen were given to the educational fund on this day in Tsukiji Sunday school alone.



Our four day-schools are in a flourishing condition. In the one at Tamachi, with ninety pupils, Miss Atkinson has been holding a children's meeting on Thursday afternoons with excellent attendance and results. The scholarship she offered as a prize for the best progress made during the year, was awarded to Masuda O Masa San, and she is now in the Tokio Home on trial, very grateful for the privilege of coming. The Kanda school has thirty-five pupils and is blessed with a teacher who is an earnest Christian. At Fukagawa there have been many drawbacks to the work of the school, owing to an inefficient and self-seeking teacher who, after resigning on the plea of ill-health, opened a school in the neighborhood and coaxed away nearly all the children. A graduate of the Normal school is now employed, (the former teacher repented and returned the children), and Nomura San is very busy with her forty pupils. Both these schools are under Miss Watson's care, who, in addition to this and her regular teaching in the Tokio Home, has had an interesting class in English in the Atomi Gakko, a school for girls of high rank at Kanda. Two of the number (one of whom is always accompanied by her maid) have become day scholars in regular attendance at our school, and are thus brought under close Christian influence and instruction. The Asakusa day school opened this year, with eighteen pupils, is steadily growing in numbers under the care of a Christian teacher. There are Sunday schools in connection with all the day schools, superintended by the missionary ladies in charge, and also in the Tokio church, where books sufficient for a Sunday school library have been purchased this year. Our own girls attend this Sunday school and contribute largely toward its support, twenty-four yen having been raised in the Sunday collection this year. The native pastor teaches the men's Bible class and Miss Endo has a large class of women.

The five meetings for women at Kanda, Fukagawa, Yotsuya, Tsukiji, and Asakusa, continued even during the summer, have been greatly prospered of the Lord. One hundred and ninety women have been directly reached in this way. One hour is devoted to religious instruction and another to fancy work. Our Bible woman, Mrs. Ushioda, has been most enthusiastic over this work, and of invaluable help in carrying it on. She teaches the knitting-classes while instruction is being given in English to the rest. Her knowledge of the Bible is unusual for one having had so few opportunities.

We were favored in June by a visit from Mrs. May C. Leavitt, who addressed our girls upon temperance and kindred subjects, and awakened a deep interest wherever she spoke in the city.

Mrs. Maclay has not succeeded in finding a Bible woman understanding English, and in the meantime has employed Mrs. Yamanouchi. Meetings have been carried on during the year at Yotsuya, Mita and Aoyama. Three at Mita have asked for baptism. She has also travelled over the

district with Dr. Maclay, and talked with the women on several occasions, through an interpreter.

Mrs. Swartz has been enthusiastically working in Sendai with the help of Miss Sagara, a former ward of Philadelphia Branch. Considerable success has attended her work and she is loudly calling for a lady to do evangelistic work in Sendai.

Three country trips have been made this year; a short one during the Christmas holidays into Shimosa, a tour with Mr. Correll over his large district, which occupied all of April, the third, immediately upon the close of school for the summer, over part of the East Tokio district, extending one hundred and twenty-five miles north. This country work, all important though it be, cannot be properly attended to by giving it the "fag end of one's strength" in vacation seasons as must generally be done. But although able to do so little for the women, their grateful appreciation of our visits, their kindly welcomes and tearful farewells, their eagerness to learn and desire to hear, prove that time spent with them is time well invested, and the two or three days in each place could be increased to weeks with equal profit.

We have had the privilege of welcoming Miss Kaulbach to a place in our hearts and home. With gratitude to the giver of all blessings for this most acceptable addition to our force of workers, we are looking forward with renewed inspiration to the speedy consummation of our cherished plans and the rapid extension of the Master's kingdom in this most promising field.

## HAKODATI.

### Work Opened in 1878.

#### MISSIONARIES.

MISS MINNIE HAMPTON, MISS FLORENCE N. HAMISFAR, M. D.

MISS ELLA J. HEWETT.

Miss Hampton writes, under date of April 19, 1886: "We are prosperous and happy, and in these bright Spring days, I feel a peace stealing over me, which comforts, satisfies, and rejoices me. God is good to us in our work, and it seems to me I never enjoyed myself in my life-work more than now."

July 20. "School closed the 14th, and the girls went by steamer across the straits to the other island. We went to see them off. They go third class, and often do not have a very comfortable place, but it is for one night only. We have only nine girls here now, and it seems a little lonely after a year's work, with 61 girls in the house. School closed with 61, and 16 day scholars, making 77. It is about as many as your

house will hold comfortably. We have had a good, pleasant, and profitable year, and we have much to thank God for. A number of our girls have joined the Church, and in their lives they show the change which Christianity makes in them. Only one of the girls living in the house has left this year—O Lnye San, belonging to the New England Branch. She was ill, and not likely to get stronger. Seven day-scholars have entered and left, making house-pupils, 62; day-pupils, 23; total enrollment, 77. We think it better for the girls to send them home for the summer. So many together, with nothing to do, they get into disorderly habits, and are very noisy; then they know how to appreciate the school better when they come back."

Dr. Hamisfar has had charge of the medical work during the year. She reports the average number of daily visits to patients, to be five. Dispensary patients, seventeen. She writes: "My medicine bills are large this year, 198 Mexican dollars, and I have taken in less than \$90 since last fall. There was much sickness in the school during the winter; more than usual, I think. We are getting so full, and are so crowded in the school, I cannot conscientiously keep my rooms longer than fall, then I ought to rent rooms, or a house, for my work. I am glad I have no hospital on my hands here. There are hospitals and physicians in Japan, and the country is opening up almost like America, and *medical* missionaries are not needed as much here as elsewhere. In view of this fact, I am ready now, this fall, or at any time, to be transferred to some other point, if you think best."

During the year, the doctor has taught a class in the Imperial Normal School, one hour each day, for which she receives at the close \$495, which she cheerfully places to the credit of the Branch supporting her. She writes: "For the last five weeks I have been talking Japanese for myself, and can do much better without an interpreter than with one. I can get more into sympathy with the people if I have them talk directly to me, and I to them." This mission needs reinforcements and more room.

## YOKOHAMA.

Work Opened in 1878.

### MISSIONARIES.

MRS. C. VAN PETTEN.

MISS M. J. HOLBROOK.

MISS G. M. RULOFSON.

In the early part of the year Mrs. Elmer assisted in the care of the schools, but her family cares and state of health necessitated the relinquishing of these duties gradually until the care and work came upon Mrs. Van Petten, who has done double duty for months. When

we consider the many duties devolving upon the occupants of the "Memorial Home," which may appropriately be styled Sanitarium, Hospital and Half-way House, in view of its patronage on the lines indicated by these titles—we are amazed at the amount of work accomplished by this patient, sunny, indefatigable toiler. She sends report of her work in which she says: "The year just closed has been one of prosperity in the Bible Woman's Training School. Fourteen students have been connected with the school during this time. Of these, one was obliged to earn money for those dependent upon her, and entered another school as teacher; one came for a few months and then rejoined her husband; one was discontinued as unsuitable, and one died. The remaining ten have studied diligently and passed satisfactory examinations on the year's work. Two, who had not received baptism on entering the school, have been baptized, and all are now Christians. Aside from the daily work in the school, three women's meetings have been held weekly in which the older Bible women have assisted. In two of these meetings one hour is given to fancy work and one to Bible study. The third is a class meeting, under charge of Mrs. Correll.

There is also a benevolent society, carried on by the Christian women in the Yokohama church. Their method is to make articles—Japanese—for sale, which I sell for them in America. They raised \$20 last year for the new church besides being able to assist the very poor in the church from time to time.

A monthly Union meeting is also held of all the Christian women in Yokohama.

There are three day schools. The one at Furocho numbers over one hundred; was closed on account of cholera; will open again in a larger building, having quite outgrown the former house.

Nogeyama school numbers about forty. We greatly need a larger building here, too, and hope to have it when we re-open, as we expect to do much work.

The school at Kanagawa has met with serious vicissitudes. At one time it seemed to be the only safe thing to do to change teachers,—which was done, causing a decrease of pupils. Now, however, with a good teacher, and all things moving harmoniously once more, the numbers are increasing, and now amount to fifty.

Bible instruction has been given in all these schools, both by the teachers, and by Bible women; the latter have assisted in four Sunday schools.

Two weeks in April and one in July were spent in the various towns and cities north of Tokio, where we have churches. Everywhere we were received most cordially, and regretted only that our time was so limited. It was most encouraging to compare the condition of the work now, with what it was last year, and note the fact that every-

where there was growth and increase of interest. We are convinced that more time should be spent in this way, and that it should be considered a part of the regular work that *must* be done, not put aside for vacation, if one's strength holds out.

The faith and zeal of these sisters whom we can so seldom meet, were often a great inspiration to us.

The young lady who died had been in the school but one month, but was to enter as a regular pupil in September. She came to the school August 4th from her home in Yokohama, and was taken sick that night. When the disease proved to be *cholera* and immediate death seemed inevitable, I was greatly distressed for fear she had not given her heart to Jesus and was unprepared to meet Him, as well as for the danger to her life.

She gave unmistakable evidence, however, that she had not heard in vain, but was trusting in Jesus as her Savior. For this I am devoutly thankful. One happy incident of the school year, is the conversion of the jinrikisha man, in our employ for more than two years. He had listened attentively for a long time, but had given no evidence of personal interest until last April, when I was in the country. At that time he called his friends together for a prayer meeting, told them of his convictions; long resisted, — his futile efforts to reform himself, and his present determination to be a Christian. Then *he* prayed, and those who were Christians prayed with him, and he received the blessing he sought.

During O Moto San's illness, he was very faithful, prayed with her, and her mother and sister, talked with and worked for them, and was in many ways both a great comfort and a striking proof of what grace can do for the human heart.

All the Bible women of last year wish to enter school again next year, besides a very promising *new class* of six have arranged to enter.

The year has not been without trials and discouragements, but through them all God has helped us, and we look back over the past with thankfulness to Him for His sustaining grace, and feel that we can trust Him for all the future, as we go forward with hope renewed, and stronger than ever before, that He will guide us, as we try to make known His love to them who know Him not."

Miss Holbrook takes charge of the training school, with a young lady for assistant, who was trained at the house in Tokio. She writes: "The women in the school seem very appreciative. I have just had a conversation with one of them who told me, with tears in her eyes, how grateful they all were to have some one to take Mrs. Van Petten's place, who had command of the language, and who was not altogether new to the work."

Miss Rulofson is already very much interested in her day schools, and is taking in the situation remarkably well. "A recent letter asks

that we take the wife of one of our young preachers into the school for a while. The husband, himself, has lung trouble, and cannot sing, — so he wants his wife to come to us and learn to sing and get our methods of Christian work so that she may supplement his labors. I wish we might have a dozen such preachers' wives under our care."

We are very grateful for the loving care and protection vouchsafed to Mrs. Van Petten, while in "labors more abundant," than human strength alone could have compassed, for bringing her safely home for much needed rest, and also for the safe arrival of the reinforcements, who enter upon their labors under such favorable circumstances.

## NAGASAKI.

Work Opened in 1879.

### MISSIONARIES.

Miss E. RUSSELL, Nagasaki,

Miss J. M. GHEER, Fukuoka.

" E. J. EVERDING, "

" L. B. SMITH, "

Miss M. J. ELLIOTT, Nagasaki.

In November, 1879, Misses Russell and Gheer landed in Nagasaki. They found a place so bigoted that not one girl in the city could be hired to attend a Christian school. The Parent Board had been at work for seven years, without much influence on the city, though a work was progressing in the country provinces. A rented house, and one scholar from outside the city, were found in a few days, and the work commenced. Seven years have passed, and one visiting Nagasaki to-day, will find our large boarding school, "set on a hill," the first object to strike the eye as the steamer enters the beautiful harbor. Ninety-seven girls, many of them from the city are enrolled as pupils. Of these, almost every one old enough to understand, has not only been received into the visible church, but has experienced genuine conversion, change of heart and life, and the life bears witness to the blessed change. A prosperous Sunday school and work among the women; the school at Fukuoka crowded with pupils; the classes of women in training for Bible work, the new doors inviting entrance, all show this to be a very fruitful field. Of the Nagasaki school Miss Russell writes: "We now have classes in physiology and botany, zoology, analysis, and advanced classes in mathematics. A fine religious interest prevails. There has been more or less revival spirit among the girls during the last quarter. One Sabbath evening, ten girls were converted in our chapel during the service. The next Sabbath, thirteen joined the church on probation.

Two of our older girls have been given evangelistic work among the



women of Nagasaki. As they both teach two hours a day, besides continuing their studies, their time is limited, but they spend nine hours a week in this work, accompanied by two older women. They have found a number of new places to teach the "new way." In the industrial department foreign sewing has been added, and an effort is being made to make the girls, who may not be able to teach, capable of supporting themselves in some other way.

We had unusual interest in the examinations this year, and our closing exercises came off most creditably. I send a copy of our programme. The "Lessons we Learn," by the "Ellen Whitlock" scholarship girl, was very fine. She is the brightest Japanese girl I have ever met. Her exercise was to have been an essay. A few days before, she came and asked the privilege of reciting, instead of reading it. I consented, telling her she could call it an oration if she wanted to. She delivered it beautifully, and it was a fine composition as well. Three girls have finished our Japanese course, but will require two more years in English. If nothing happens to them, we shall have three girls able to take the place, or do the work of a foreign lady. Of course they will not be able to take the responsibility.

The Fukuoka work is also prosperous. They had a time of severe trial, but the good Lord overruled all the seeming ills for good, and no serious loss was experienced. One hundred and eight names have been enrolled in the school during the year, average attendance sixty-one. Miss Smith does most of the school work. Miss Gheer having charge of the training classes, and the evangelistic work among the women. They had a pleasant occasion in the closing exercises there also. Last year Miss Gheer offered three scholarships in the Nagasaki school, as prizes for excellence in conduct, attendance and recitations, so we shall have three good girls from Fukuoka next year. We all believe it to be a good plan, to raise the grade of the Nagasaki school, to take no more into our lower primary classes.

It is our desire, and we are a unit on this, to make the Nagasaki school one of high grade only. The government of Japan is working with most commendable zeal, to elevate the standard of its primary schools for girls. They are open everywhere, and we would make them feeders to this and other mission schools. As the high grade schools are not established everywhere, there is no positive need for such institutions. By encouraging the people to send to their own schools first, we at the same time secure a better class of girls, and foster in them a spirit of loyalty to their own institutions. Since the restrictions have been removed against Christianity, girls from our schools can become applicants for situations in government schools, and on this island at least, it seems best to conserve our strength and concentrate it on the high grade schools, and on evangelistic work for women. The training classes for women can form a department in the school. It has worked very well

here during the last year. The very same appliances, the very same quality of teacher that is necessary in the Cincinnati Wesleyan, or at Delaware, is necessary in Japan—therefore all our wants. We want a representative Christian school, we want to send out representative Christians. The ladies have stood by this work so royally, that at first thought one would shrink from asking more, but when we look around us and see the need, we are ashamed to ask for less than half a dozen, to be sent at once. The magnitude of the work on this island is not appreciated. It is looked on as an out station by some, as a very hard field by all. At home Nagasaki is known as a place of more or less historic interest. We who live here, see all the moral ugliness that others do—but we see more, we see here the open door to 5,000,000 of the most interesting people, we hear calls for help from every side,—we see that it is impossible to carry this work as it should be done, unless it is fully manned. The Methodist church has a wonderful opportunity here. Among the first to enter, and now firmly established in Nagasaki, the whole island lies open. If I ever get time to make you a map of Kinshiu, you will see how the land lies, that can be taken for our King. We ask for a building at Fukuoka. Don't crowd out our petition."

## KOREA.

Work Opened in 1885.

MISSIONARY.

MRS. M. F. SCRANTON.

In June, 1885, our first missionary landed in Korea. A month later Mrs. Scranton wrote for permission to buy a "piece of ground on a commanding situation, adjoining that belonging to the Parent Board, a small house on the premises large enough for present demand." Leave was granted and money furnished, and in October the property came into the possession of the W. F. M. S. Early in the present year Mrs. Scranton wrote that, for the further prosecution of the work, new buildings were imperatively needed. Through the liberality of Mrs. Wm. E. Blackstone, of Oak Park, Ill., this was made possible, and \$3,000 sent forward as a special gift for this purpose.

Mrs. Scranton writes, under date of Aug. 19th: "I think there will be plenty of applicants when the new home is finished. At present the cost of rice is enormous, and if war should come will be greatly increased. I hope to discover some more economic way of dressing the girls, which will not be at variance with their customs or offend the Korean taste. It may be cheaper to import better material. What we get here is exceedingly poor and has no endurance. The item of fuel is no trifling one. If

we could only equalize the temperature of summer and winter, we could enjoy life better and save along this line for the missionary society. We have a little place for a hospital placed at our disposal. It adjoins the Doctor's Hospital, and was fitted up by him for such work as he might have among the women, until such time as our lady doctor comes, and for special cases afterwards; but I give fair warning that if I live I will ask for something far better next year. I have talked about this doctor until I know you are tired, yet I must say once more, our need is great. Do prevail on some one to sail away to our relief as soon as General Executive meeting is over. A teacher, too, should come at once. As I look back now over fourteen months in Korea, my heart is full of joy and thankfulness, not because any great things have been done, but because we have made a beginning. People at home cannot understand the hindrances we have met with, and perhaps it is just as well, though I think sometimes, if they did, their prayers would be more fervent and effectual.

But progress has been made. At first we were regarded with great suspicion; now many trust us. They know we mean good and not evil, though few understand much about our plans. Some think we came because Korea is better than America. Some months since I was trying to tell a man, who had been the district teacher, about our country, in which he seemed much interested. Then, in a thoughtful hesitating way, he asked: "Did you have as good a house there as this one?" I truthfully answered, "I had a far better one." Then more slowly: "Did you have many friends?" My affirmative answer was quick and emphatic. Then said he, "Why did you come here?" He knows now, and I tell him all I can about God and the Bible, and what it can do for a nation or an individual. Were he a bolder man he would become a student of the Bible. Now he reads it when he thinks he is not observed. It is dangerous for this people to have anything to do with a "new religion," and we must be slow in condemning them if they hesitate to put their lives in jeopardy. Two months ago one Korean asked for baptism. It was done in the strictest privacy, none being present but the missionaries and teachers. It was a solemn occasion, while our hearts were full of praise, that one had accepted Christ. We almost felt he was consecrated to death. Reading God's word convinced him, and a little book on Christian doctrine, showed him it was his duty thus to confess Christ. Another man whom we know is studying the Bible, but he says it is all "darkness," and asked the doctor if there was not some medicine he could take, that would help him to understand what was read. You will be glad to see these glimmerings of light in the East. Oh! indeed, the "Sun of Righteousness is arising in Korea." Could you have seen one of my little girls, the other day, you would have been interested. She seemed unusually light of heart, and every little while would shout out at the top of her voice, "I am so glad," and then would follow some unintelligible

words which were intended to mean "that our Father in Heaven tells of His love;" and then back she would go again in clear ringing tones, "I am so glad." There was a great deal of music in it to my ears. My Mrs. Rein gives no sign of discouragement in regard to study, and seems more fearless of the matter being known than at first.

The house on the hill is growing. I have been very ill, and saw it for the first time this morning for four weeks. The progress made is very encouraging, and I have not much reason to find fault even with Korean slowness. We are called the "Jesus doctrine doing people," and they say my home is the place where the sacrifice is made. I rather like the name they give. I have been a little afraid that this thought might keep some timid ones away from us. But it is God's own work and he will not let it come to nought. Won't you give one of the devotional hours at executive meeting entirely to Korea? This request comes up out of the depths of my heart. It seems to me if you would then and there, pray with the earnestness you ought, for my poor Korea, and for us who are here, and for the teacher and the doctor who are to come, it *seems* as if the Holy Ghost would also fall on us, as it did upon the disciples at the beginning, and we should be able to speak plainly in this new tongue, and tell the wonderful story as we have never been able to tell it before, and that you would pray us into grand and glorious success. We should have full schools and hospitals, and open doors and wide opportunities everywhere. Pray for us as you never prayed for anybody or anything before. What a good meeting you will have. I can imagine it all, and hope you will write a line as soon as it is over, to tell me that there is a doctor and a teacher and plenty of money coming to this most needy spot on earth."

## STATISTICAL REPORT OF WOMAN'S WORK IN JAPAN FOR 1886.

STATIONS.	Foreign Missionaries.		No. of Bld'g Schools.	Pupils in Boarding Schools.	Scholarships in Boarding Schools.	Boarding Pupils.	Day Pupils.	Self-Supporting.	Partially Supported.	Wholly Supported.	Native Teachers.	Pupil Teachers.	Christians in Boarding Schools.	No. of Day Schools.	Pupils in Day Schools.	Teachers in Day Schools.	Private Schools.	Private Schools Visited.	Pupils Instructed in Private Schools.	No. of Bible Training Schools.	Students in Training Schools.	Supported.	Self-Supporting.	Native Teachers.	Bible Women Employed.	Women's Meetings Weekly.	No. of Sunday Schools.	Pupils in Sunday Schools.	Baptisms.	Conversions.	No. of Rented Buildings.	Value of W. F. M. S. Property.
Tokio.....	3	1	101	62	85	16	15	49	21	8	5	51	4	190	5	1	40	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	7	5	325	10	13	4	\$10,000
Yokohama. . . . .	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	195	5	1	100	1	14	8	3	1	2	4	3	135	4	4	3	3,500	
Hakodati.....	3	1	77	53	61	16	8	33	20	5	...	28	1	28	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	2	...	...	15	20	...	10,000	
Nagasaki.....	3	1	100	56	90	10	10	23	39	1	6	70	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	7	...	...	...	10	...	10,000	
Fukuoka.....	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	50	4	...	...	...	...	1	6	...	6	3	2	...	...	25	25	1	.....
	12	3	278	171	236	42	33	105	80	14	11	149	9	463	15	2	140	2	20	8	9	1	13	22	8	460	54	72	8	\$33,500		

## BULGARIA.

First Missionary of the W. F. M. S., Sent in 1884.

MISS LINNA SCHENCK, Missionary.

Our work in Bulgaria consists of a school of high grade at Loftcha and primary schools at Sistof, Orchania and Rustchuk, with Bible work at Rustchuk, Orchania and adjacent villages. We have our worker of other years, Clara Kailer, in charge of the Bible work at Rustchuk and vicinity. Rev. Mr. Challis has charge of the Bible readers, and Mrs. Challis and himself are very helpful to Miss Schenck in her work.

The course of study at Loftcha is quite extensive, in order to meet the standard established by the Bulgarian government, and handsome diplomas are given to those who graduate.

Already from the school cometh the harvest in fully equipped workers. Four pupils graduated this year. At the closing exercises the room was packed with visitors, and great interest was manifested. A wonderful change; for the year previous no one dared to come. One who had been in charge of our primary school at Sistof married, and is very useful among the people in the village where she resides. Two are engaged to be married to young preachers, graduates of our theological school at Sistof. One of them, at least, will do work as a Bible woman. Another one will return to the school as a primary teacher. Most of the students expect in after years to refund the amount expended for their education, most of them now being very poor, and their religion subjecting them to much persecution, which, while it evades the law, subjects them to hardships, rough treatment and non-employment. Pupils of our faith meet with such opposition and detraction in the public schools, which are governmental, and connected with the ruling church, that our people prefer to have their children grow up in ignorance rather than have them educated under these influences, which are also atheistic. Miss Schenck says that the only decent homes and the only healthy children seen there are those of the Protestants, while the ignorance, indecency, uncleanness and superstition there is indescribable. She says we do not expect to make teachers of all our girls, but hope to make good wives and mothers. The present seems a golden opportunity. The young men and women of our schools are going out into active life and the people other than our own have come to feel that the Protestants are their friends, owing to the sympathy shown in their times of war and suffering.

This must be to our lonely and tried workers there, a great source of comfort of which they many times have felt the need in their isolated position and without the inspiration of many co-laborers. Miss Schenck is alone in her responsibilities, and save Mr. and Mrs. Challis,



has none to counsel with or give cheer. She has acquitted herself well, and the school stands to-day an acknowledged strong power for good among the benighted ones of that far off land.

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## ITALY.

Woman's Work, Opened in 1877.

Miss E. M. HALL, Missionary.

When we study Italy as a mission field it has little resemblance to the beautiful Italy of the tourist, so rich in sunny skies, ancient palaces and treasures of art. Its peculiar characteristics, growing for thirty centuries, furnish a problem in our missionary work that must be brought out with a formula quite unlike those employed for the work in China and India.

We have at present but one missionary in the field, Miss Hall; the work being done largely by the twelve Bible women employed in as many cities. Fifteen Bible women are asked for, for the coming year. To the earnest appeals of Dr. and Mrs. Vernon are added the strongly expressed opinions of Bishop Foss and Rev. Dr. Goucher, who visited our work there, that the work should be enlarged and new departments instituted. The Bible women are, of course, unacquainted with the system and methods used in our American evangelistic work and are slow to make improvements upon the most simple plans. Many of them are the wives of pastors, and are very busy mothers; others have embraced Christianity but recently and have so much to learn, hence the great necessity of some one to visit them, oversee their work, make suggestions, and modify and enlarge the plans. This Miss Hall will do, and has already undertaken a tour of visitation. She says she hopes to do aggressive work in that line. The Italian women are so devoted to their faith that oftentimes they are harder to reach than the heathen women of India and China.

Bro. Goucher writes, that the social customs, peculiar influence, and pernicious results of Romanism, make it necessary that the work of the missionaries of the Parent Board should be supplemented by women in visiting members and in Sunday school work. He further says: educational work is the greatest need of our church in that field; and that Miss Hall appears to be devoting herself enthusiastically to mastering the language and studying methods of increasing the usefulness of the work; that she should be reinforced by another competent woman from America, and that both should spend most of their

time going from place to place instructing the Bible women in doctrine and methods of work.

Dr. Goucher adds: "When the number of agents employed and money invested are considered, the results realized by the Methodist Episcopal Church exceed those of any other Protestant body in Italy, regarding it, as I do, possibly the hardest of all fields you have entered."

Miss Hall has not only had this instruction and supervision of the Bible women, but it has been a year of beginnings, of planning and shaping. The tangible results are of course few. She has made visits with Mrs. Mando and made visits alone, worked in the Sunday school dividing into classes, teaching and procuring teachers, and preparing lesson helps for the weekly Italian paper published by our church, and also a series of lessons for the quarter published separately with golden text, home readings, and all of the comprehensive expositions which are approved by our American lesson commentators. Her writings and translations in this line have shown her marked readiness in acquiring the language, and her untiring energy.

These helps for the Sunday school, and other Bible work, Miss Hall proposes to furnish to each one of the Bible readers. Some of the friends of our society, while visiting in Italy, have taken especial interest in our work and written to the official correspondent earnest words regarding the needs of priest-ridden Italy. To them as well as to the workers there, the work among those who, from their earliest recollection have been indoctrinated in the superstitions and false doctrines of the papal belief, meets with very formidable obstacles, and the results very hard to realize, but they believe, that among the children, ragged and unkempt, in miserable hovels, the attractions of the teachings of the kindergarten, and the lessons of order, cleanliness and beauty there taught, will prove an easy road to lead to gospel truths. Miss Hall sends full reports of the ten Bible women. At *Pisa*, Mrs. Palmieri has been especially successful in the work among the children. The Sunday school now numbers forty. This, in the face of the fact that the children had been ridiculed on the streets and even stoned, is something of special encouragement. Mrs. Palmieri also visits many families, and greatly aids the pastor in this way.

Miss Monta, of *Turin*, visits among the sick at their homes, and in the hospitals, reading and praying with them. She also distributes Bibles and tracts, and finds access to hearts the pastor could not reach.

Mrs. Stasio of *Perugia* has met with peculiar trials, but has not found the year without fruit. She has had much of the visiting to do, as the pastor cannot visit his people, as in other countries, and he has to rely on the Bible women to do that work for him.

Mrs. Cruciani at *Modena*, has suffered much persecution during the year. The place of meeting is watched by spies, who report all who enter. Under all this the Sunday school has suffered, but its prospects are

brighter. Mrs. Cruciani is one of the ablest women employed, writes and speaks English, French and German. Mrs. Tagliatela writes from *Foggia*, that she has industriously distributed Bibles, testaments and tracts, and has won her way into the houses of some who would not admit Protestants hitherto. Mrs. Polsinelli, at *Bologna*, has increased the number attending Sunday school, and is much encouraged as to the future work and success. Mrs. Lopa has employed her time visiting hospitals and homes, distributing Bibles, leaflets, &c. In *Venice*, Mrs. Stazi reports as results; two drawn back who had ceased to attend church, two new ones enrolled, and three candidates for admission on probation; in visiting the hospital she says that often the sisters of charity came to listen to the reading and the prayer; that on one occasion one of them was seen to be weeping, though trying to conceal the fact. She is now at *Milan*. Mrs. Conti reports her work at *Naples*, twenty-five in the Sunday school, some of the scholars have accepted Christ and have borne persecution in consequence. One of them was dying, and refused to confess to the priest, saying he had already confessed to Jesus Christ, and with his last words he begged his parents to accept Christ as the only mediator, as he had done, in spite of beatings and opposition. *Melfi* is a small place near *Venosa*. Here the visits of the Bible women brought four to the church. Two daughters of a respected family accepted the gospel, and have established a Sunday school, and lately their aged mother confessed Christ.

Mrs. Mondì, in *Rome*, has made many visits and also distributed Bibles and leaflets. Cases are found where Bibles are hidden away under lock and key, lest they should be seized by the priests. Let there be fervent, effectual prayer for Italy.

## SOUTH AMERICA.

Woman's Work, Opened in 1874.

### MISSIONARIES.

MISS J. M. CHAPIN,

MISS J. E. GOODENOUGH.

" L. E. DENNING,

" CECILIA E. GUELF.

Two of these names must be dropped from our records; Miss Goodenough's because she has assumed another name, which implies change of work, after having served our society faithfully for six years. The other has been transferred to the higher service among the glorified.

In *Buenos Ayres* the work has been developing, not only as an educational agency among the laboring and poorer class of people in whose interests it was inaugurated, but more has been done on the direct line of Christian work outside the schools.

Prayer and class meetings and Sunday schools have been well sustained and an increasing influence for good has been the result.

The unsettled condition of the church there, resulting from local disturbances, has had a distracting influence upon some departments of our work, as well upon the general work. And yet Miss Goodenough writes most hopefully of the outlook: "The unwavering faith and firm confidence in God is something surprising. It stirs the blood in one's veins to see these sincere, hard-working people, patiently laboring day after day, each in his own sphere, to bring souls to Christ, while those who consider themselves greatly their superiors, stand idly by, or work only to hinder others!"

Great inconvenience has been experienced by both schools by being obliged to change school rooms. The accommodations for the original school were poor, the building being old, but the location was desirable, and no other house was available in that vicinity, so they had continued to occupy it from necessity. About three months since, a notice was received from the proprietor that the house must be vacated. A long and patient search for another room had been unsuccessful. The second school had been in the same condition, but a room had been secured for it in a better location, which was securing increase of number in attendance. The teachers at the head of each of these schools, were doing good work, directed by Mrs Hudson, who will have them in charge until the close of the year. It is hoped that Miss Jenkins will be there in time for the commencement of the next school year.

Our work in Montevideo has sustained an irreparable loss in the death of Miss Guelfi, who had been in our employ eight years. In addition to her daily work in the school room, and the care and oversight of all the schools receiving funds from our society, she had a normal class for training teachers for these schools. In a note recently received from Mrs. T. B. Wood, occurs the following: "Had Miss Guelfi known that she was to die, I do not see how she could have organized her work better than she has. I do not know how she could have done more to train teachers to take her place. The schools can be held by those she has trained, and they will grow and increase in numbers and usefulness. Her brother, now pastor of the church in Montevideo, is a great help in keeping the schools together on the same lines."

In Rosario the work is moving forward, although with the present number of workers, not much can be done outside the schools, and the patrons of the same.

Miss Chapin writes: "Severe trials have come to us, but great encouragement has also been given.

All in the house have enjoyed good health. We have never needed the services of a physician since our return.

Our location is good and healthful, not too far down the center of the city, and yet far enough to avoid the noise and heat.

School No. 1 has not quite so large an attendance as last year, but has quite as good a class of pupils. Those who have gone were not the most advanced, and those who have come are superior in ability.

The "Sisters of Charity" have built and moved into a large new house on this side of the city; one of the public schools and one of the largest private schools have come in this direction. The first two named took some of our girls, but we have had eighty this year.

School No. 2 has one hundred and fifty, mostly from the poorer class of society, but many of them are bright interesting girls. When we commenced here, they all wanted to study aloud, as they had done in other schools; now they are quite orderly and quiet.

The girls who received gratuitous education from the society, are doing well, but need the grace of God in their hearts to keep them in the path of right. Two of them are consistent Christians.

The Spanish Sunday school has a fluctuating attendance, and will have until we have a Spanish pastor, which we are still lacking, as the one appointed is still on the Pacific coast, doing grand work no doubt, but leaving Rosario without the help so much needed.

The "London and River Platte Bank" has a new director, who is an earnest Methodist, which is a great help and inspiration to us. Our church was opened for services the last of March, after having been closed a year. Mr. Viney, a man employed by the railroad company six days in the week, preaches every Sunday morning, in English. Our English Sunday school has been opened recently.

Tuesday evening prayer meeting has been sustained through the year, and there is an increase in numbers and interest.

Mrs. Turney is with us, rendering good service, but she does not care to say that she will remain in the country more than a year longer."

The president of the board of education for the Province, visited the school recently, offering Miss Demming, who is a normal graduate, \$150 per month, to go into government employ. But she declined, preferring her present work, with all it involves.

Our property there has been steadily increasing in value, demonstrating the fact that it was a most opportune and wise investment, worth three times as much as when purchased.

The one thing needed for this work, is a gracious outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the workers and people.

## MEXICO.

## MISSIONARIES.

MISS M. HASTINGS,

MISS E. LE HURAY,

MISS S. M. WARNER,

MISS M. D. LOYD.

MISS M. HEWETT.

During much of the past year the prospects of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society in Mexico were most hopeful and encouraging. In the last six months, however, the failure in health of two of our missionaries, has somewhat embarrassed the work at certain points.

*Guanajuato.*—Miss Latimer was not able to return to Guanajuato, and the school there has been temporarily supplied. This unhealthy, mountainous, but populous city, in the past has been very bitter in its persecution of our native helpers. Notwithstanding this, the girls' school has flourished and gradually increased in numbers. Forty-eight scholars have been enrolled during the year, with an average attendance of 25. These pupils have been largely from semi-protestant families. So much importance, however, has been attached to this school, that the Romanists have thought best to open a new school for girls in the most eligible part of the city, and make it of a superior character to the ordinary girls' schools. Many signs of increasing favor have encouraged the hearts of the helpers in this city, and when another missionary becomes permanently established, we may hope for a prosperous work in Guanajuato.

*Queretaro.*—In Queretaro the school has maintained its number of nine scholars, four of whom are members of the church and one a probationer. Queretaro is adorned with many very old and elaborate churches, is beautiful for situation, and possesses much historical interest; but it is not easy to be a Protestant in this bigoted city, and those who attend the school and church services encounter much that is unpleasant. A Bible woman is supported here whose daughter is one of the scholars, and whose son is studying for the ministry.

*Puebla.*—Miss Warner's new school building in Puebla is beautiful, commodious and comfortable, excellently well adapted for its purposes; the clean, light, well ventilated apartments are in marked contrast to the majority of such edifices used for school purposes in Mexico, which are generally located in some confiscated old church property. The present enrollment of scholars is 82, with an average attendance of from 40 to 60; two of these are promising Indian girls from the Southern part of the State of Puebla, and with their friends walked from their homes, a distance of 50 miles, for the privilege of attending a Protestant school. When the new school building shall be quite finished it will be possible to accommodate a few boarders who can thus be brought more fully under Christian influence. The arrival



of Miss Hewett in this field was a much needed help to Miss Warner, whose health was giving way under her heavy responsibilities; with two missionaries here, it is believed that the evangelical education in Puebla will prosper as it has never done before.

*Pachuca.*—Miss Hastings' steady Christian example and faithful teaching in Pachuca brings forth its unfailing results. The girls educated in her school remain firm to their Christian life and profession. They have seen her kneeling at the bedside of the sick and dying, shrinking from no poverty, filth or disease, if she can minister comfort, and help a soul to trust in Jesus; it is no wonder they believe in her Christ. For assistant teachers, Miss Hastings employs young women educated in her own school.

*Apizaco.*—A mixed school was started in Apizaco about a year and a half ago, and grew too large to be cared for by the minister in charge. Very recently the girls have been placed in a separate school, under Miss Orcillez, sister of the teacher in Miss Warner's school. The prospect is most encouraging, 45 pupils having been enrolled the first day.

*Orizaba.*—The school at Orizaba numbers 40 scholars, and under the faithful care of Miss Loza the sister of the preacher in charge, who gives it much of his attention, it has given this year 12 probationers to the church, showing the thorough religious character of the work done.

*Indians.*—There is a growing interest manifested in the Sierra or mountain work, among the native Indians, and the society is asked to send them a lady missionary.

*Mexico City.*—The event of the year in our Mexican mission has been the purchase of a new building in the City of Mexico, for the use of the orphanage. A most advantageous property in the heart of the city, in immediate proximity to the missionary premises, was offered for sale; it was a large stone building of recent date, and needed but little alteration for present use. In the inability of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society to meet the financial demand, the Board of the General Missionary Society generously came to our assistance, and purchased the dwelling for our use, holding the deeds until we shall be able to pay for it, under the conditions, that the 10,000 dollars pledged last year towards the purchase of such a property, should be promptly paid as a first instalment. This sum has been met, and it is now our endeavor to cancel the entire obligation as rapidly as possible.

Too much praise cannot be given to the two ladies in charge of this school. Miss Loyd and Miss Le Huray have proved themselves admirably adapted to its best interests and advancement. The recent failure of Miss Le Huray's health has been a serious embarrassment to the plans for the school, and a great disappointment to herself, for she was so enthusiastically interested in its prosperity. We pray that

through God's blessing she may be speedily restored. One fact deserves special mention; so many girls educated in this orphanage are proving valuable helpers in various parts of the mission. Mary Morris is teaching at Guanajuato. Fermina Rinz at Queretaro; Teófila Barrera at Miraflores, another does the sewing at Puebla, some are the wives of native pastors, and others are helping in families where their superior service is much appreciated. They receive not only an excellent school education, but make their own clothes, and are instructed in all departments of the work of the house. The systematic habits of industry here acquired raise them in practical efficiency far above their country women, while the earnest, true religious life in which they are trained, makes them a power for good in any community where they may be providentially placed.

The stations in which the work of the society already exists, are Mexico City, Pachuca, Miraflores, Puebla, Apizaco, Orizaba, Guanajuato and Queretaro.

FOREIGN SUMMARY.

	Missionaries.	Assistants.	Medical workers and Bible Women.	Boarding Schools.	Pupils in Boarding Schools.	Day Schools.	Pupils in Day Schools.	Girls in Orphanage.	Zenanas Visited.	Women Under Instruction.	Women in Training Schools.	Women Treated in Hospitals.	Women in Dispensaries.	In Zenanas.	Inmates of Home for Homeless Women.
India .....	16	45	173	11	556	142	2,794	294	2,786	6,751	....	50	32,728	3,557	41
So. India.....	7	6	5	2	150	3	100	....	60	....	....	....	....	....	....
China .....	12	..	11	4	143	37	600	17	....	43	43	2,200	12,043	....	....
Japan.....	14	..	13	3	278	9	463	....	....	20	20	523	....	....	....
Korea.....	1	..	..	1	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Bulgaria .....	1	3	5	1	32	3	51	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Italy.....	1	..	13	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
So. America.....	4	4	....	1	80	7	500	7	....	50	....	..	..	..	..
Mexico.....	6	6	7	2	42	8	300	32	....	40	....	..	..	..	..
Total .....	62	64	227	25	1,286	209	4,808	352	2,846	6,904	63	2,773	44,771	3,557	41

## TREASURERS IN THE FOREIGN FIELD.

TREASURER.	ADDRESS.	ROUTE.	MAILS LEAVE.	POSTAGE.	NEWSPR POSTAGE.
Louise E. Blackmar..	Lucknow, India.....	Via Brindisi ..	England, every Friday.....	5c ½ oz.	2c ea. 4 oz.
Sarah DeLine.....	Bombay, " .....	" " .....	" " .....	5c "	2c "
Rev. Dr. J. M. Thoburn	46 Dhurramtolla st., Calcutta	" " .....	" " .....	5c "	2c "
Carrie I. Jewell.....	Foochow, China.....	" S. Francisco	S. Francisco, 1st & 15th ea. mo	5c "	2c "
Annie B. Sears.....	Peking, " .....	" " .....	" " .....	5c "	2c "
Mary C. Robinson....	Chin Kiang, " .....	" " .....	" " .....	5c "	2c "
Gertrude Howe.....	Kiu Kiang, " .....	" " .....	" " .....	5c "	2c "
Mrs. Jane. C. Jackson	Wuhu, " .....	" " .....	" " .....	5c "	2c "
Matilda A. Spencer....	Tokio, Japan, 14 Akas-hi-cho	" " .....	" " .....	5c "	2c "
Minnie Hampton.....	Hakodati, Japan.....	" " .....	" " .....	5c "	2c "
Elizabeth Russell....	Nagasaki, " .....	" " .....	" " .....	5c "	2c "
Mary J. Holbrook....	Yokohama, " .....	" " .....	" " .....	5c "	2c "
Mrs. Mary F. Scranton	Seoul, Korea.....	" " .....	" " .....	5c "	2c "
Emma M. Hale.....	5 Via Gregoriana, Rome, Italy	" England....	New York, daily.....	5c "	2c "
Lina Schenck.....	Loficha, Bulgaria.....	" " .....	New York, weekly.....	5c "	2c "
Jennie M. Chapin....	Rosario, S. America.....	" " .....	Boston and N. Y., daily....	5c "	2c "
Mary D. Lloyd.....	City of Mexico, Apartado, 345	" .....	By ss. N. Y., every Thurs.	5c "	2c "
Mary Hastings.....	Pachuca, " .....	" .....	" " " " .....	5c "	2c "

*RECEIPTS OF SOCIETY SINCE ITS ORGANIZATION.*

From March, 1869, to April, 1870.....	\$	4,546 86
“ April 1, 1870, to April 1, 1871.....		22,397 99
“ “ 1871, to “ 1872.....		44,477 46
“ “ 1872, to “ 1873.....		54,834 87
“ “ 1873, to “ 1874.....		64,309 25
“ “ 1874, to “ 1875.....		61,492 19
“ “ 1875, to Feb. 10, 1876.....		55,276 06
“ Feb. 10, 1876, to “ 1877.....		72,464 30
“ “ 1877, to “ 1878.....		68,063 52
“ “ 1878, to “ 1879.....		66,843 69
“ “ 1879, to “ 1880.....		76,276 43
“ “ 1880, to “ 1881.....		107,932 45
“ “ 1881, to Oct. 1, 1882.....		195,678 50
“ Oct. 1, 1882, to “ 1883.....		126,823 33
“ “ 1883, to “ 1884.....		143,199 14
“ “ 1884, to “ 1885.....		157,442 66
“ “ 1885, to “ 1886.....		167,098 85

Total receipts from March, 1869 to October 1, 1885.....\$1,487,159 55

Total receipts for Zenana Paper for year ending October 1, 1886.....\$ 17, 08 39

## MISSIONARIES OF WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

APPOINT	MISSIONARIES.	POSTOFFICE ADDRESS.	BRANCHES.	FORMER RESIDENCE.
1869...	Miss Isabella Thoburn.....	Home on leave.....	Cincinnati.....	St. Clairsville, O.
1869.....	" Clara A. Swain, M. D.....	Khetri, India.....	New England ..	Castile, N. Y.
1870.....	" Fannie J. Sparkes.....	Bareilly, " .....	New York.....	Binghamton, N. Y.
1872.....	" Gertrude Howe.....	Kiu Kiang, China.....	Northwestern ..	Lansing, Mich.
1872.....	" Lucy H. Hoag.....	Chin kiang, " .....	New York.....	Ann Arbor, Mich.
1872.....	" Louise E. Blackmar.....	Lucknow, India.....	Des Moines.....	W. Springfield, Pa.
1874.....	" Susan M. Warner.....	Puebla, Mexico.....	Cincinnati.....	New Orleans, La.
1874.....	" Mary Hastings.....	Pachuca, " .....	New York.....	Blandford, Mass.
1874.....	" Jennie M. Chapin.....	Rosario, South America.....	New England ..	Chicopee, Mass.
1874.....	" Lou B. Denning.....	" " .....	Northwestern ..	Normal, Ill.
1878.....	" Mary F. Swaney.....	Home on leave.....	Baltimore .....	New Brighton, Pa.
1878.....	" S. A. Easton.....	" " .....	Cincinnati.....	Washington, D. C.
1878.....	" Matilda A. Spencer.....	Tokio, Japan.....	Philadelphia ..	Germantown, Pa.
1878.....	" M. J. Holbrook.....	Yokohama, Japan.....	Cincinnati.....	Baltimore, M. D.
1878.....	" M. E. Layton.....	Calcutta, India.....	Baltimore.....	Wilmington, Del.
1878.....	" Clara M. Cushman.....	Home on leave.....	New England ..	Fishersville, N. H.
1879.....	" Elizabeth Russell.....	Nagasaki, Japan.....	Cincinnati.....	Keyser, West Va.
1879.....	" Jennie M. Gheer.....	" " .....	New York.....	Altoona, Pa.
1880.....	" Florence E. Nickerson.....	Lucknow, India.....	Cincinnati.....	Clyde, Ohio.
1880.....	" Annie B. Sears.....	Peking, China.....	" .....	Bucyrus, O.
1880.....	" Annie Budden.....	Pithoragarh, India.....	New York.....	India.
1880.....	" Elizabeth Yates.....	Returned home.....	New York.....	Round Pond, Me.
1881.....	" Minnie Hampton.....	Hakodati, Japan.....	New York.....	New York.
1881.....	Mrs. Carrie Van Petten.....	Home on leave.....	Northwestern ..	Albion, Mich.
1881.....	Miss Ellen Warner.....	Rangoon, Burmah.....	Cincinnati.....	Berea, O.
1881.....	" Emma S. Knowles.....	Nani Tal, India.....	New England ..	Newark, N. J.
1881.....	" Phoebe Rowe.....	Lucknow, India.....	Northwestern ..	India.

## MISSIONARIES OF WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.—Continued.

APPOINT	MISSIONARIES.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.	BRANCHES.	FORMER RESIDENCE.
1881.....	Miss Francis J. Wheeler.....	Home on leave.....	Northwestern ..	Chicago, Ill
1882 .....	" Anna P. Atkinson.....	Tokio, Japan.....	New York.....	Cazenovia, N Y.
1882 .....	" Esther J. De Vrie.....	Lucknow, India.....	Cincinnati.....	Marietta, O.
1883.....	Mrs. Charlotte M. Jewell.....	Peking, China.....	New York.....	Fort Jones, Cal.
1883.....	Miss Rebecca J. Watson.....	Tokio, Japan.....	Topeka.....	Syracuse, N. Y.
1884 .....	" Emma J. Everding.....	Nagasaki, Japan.....	Baltimore.....	Gilead, Mich.
1884.....	" Ella J. Hewett.....	Hakodati, Japan.....	Philadelphia.....	South Barton, Vt.
1884.....	" Emily L. Harvey.....	Cawnpore, India.....	New England.....	Washington, D. C.
1884.....	" Mary Christianity, M. D.....	Bareilly, ".....	" ".....	Seneca Falls, N. Y.
1884.....	" Fanny M. English.....	" ".....	New York.....	Rome, N. Y.
1884.....	" Clara A. Downey.....	" ".....	" ".....	South Charleston, O
1884.....	" Margaret C. Hedrick.....	Calcutta, ".....	" ".....	Aurora, Ill.
1884.....	" Sarah De Line.....	Bombay, ".....	Northwestern ..	Crooked Tree, O.
1884.....	" Mary Reed.....	Cawnpore, ".....	Cincinnati.....	Delaware, O.
1884.....	" Hettie Mansell.....	Lucknow, ".....	" ".....	Michigan.
1884.....	" Catharine Corey, M. D.....	Foochow, China.....	Northwestern ..	Michigan.
1884.....	" Mary C. Robinson.....	Chin-kiang, ".....	" ".....	Harmar, O.
1884.....	" Carrie I. Jewell.....	Foochow, China.....	Cincinnati.....	London, O.
1884.....	" Lizzie M. Fisher.....	" ".....	Baltimore.....	Summit, N. J.
1884.....	" Eleanor Le Huray.....	City of Mexico, Mexico.....	New York.....	Hillsboro O.
1884.....	" Mary D. Loyd.....	" ".....	Philadelpia ..	Chicago, Ill.
1884.....	" L. M. Latimer.....	Home on leave.....	New England ..	Muskegon, Mich.
1884.....	" Anna Scheuck.....	Loftcha, Bulgaria.....	Northwestern ..	Cleveland, O.
1885.....	Mrs. M. F. Scanton.....	Seoul, Korea.....	N. Eng. & N. Y	Chicago, Ill.
1885.....	Miss Anna D. Gloss, M. D.....	Tientsin, China.....	Northwestern ..	Mt. Pleasant, Pa.
1885.....	" Theresa J. Kyle.....	Cawnpore, India.....	Philadelphia.....	Beaver, Pa.
1885.....	" Sarah Lauck.....	North India.....	Philadelpia ..	New York.
1885.....	" E. M. Hall.....	Rome, Italy.....	Northwestern ..	Greensburg, O.
1885.....	" M. J. Elliott.....	Nagasaki, Japan.....	Cincinnati ..	Syracuse, N. Y.
1885.....	" Lida Smith.....	" ".....	New York.....	Berea, O.
1885.....	" Julia Wisner.....	Rangoon, India.....	Cincinnati ..	



## MISSIONARIES OF WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.—Continued.

APPOINT	MISSIONARIES.	POSTOFFICE ADDRESS.	BRANCHES.	FORMER RESIDENCE.
1886. ....	Miss Lizzie Hewett. ....	Puebla, Mexico. ....	Northwestern.	Gilead, Mich.
1886. ....	" Anna Lawson. ....	Moradabad, India. ....	Des Moines. ....	Ottumwa, Ill.
1886. ....	" Delia A. Fuller. ....	Lucknow, " ....	New England. ....	Boulder, Col.
1886. ....	" Kate MacDowell, M.D. ....	Moradabad, " ....	Philadelphia. ....	Philadelphia.
1886. ....	" Oriel Miller. ....	North India. ....	Cincinnati. ....	Huntsville, O.
1886. ....	" Susan M. Pray, M.D. ....	Foochow, China. ....	New York. ....	New York City.
1886. ....	" N. R. Green. ....	Peking. ....	New England. ....	San Francisco, Cal.
1886. ....	" Anna M. Kaulback. ....	Tokio, Japan. ....	New York. ....	Waverly, N. J.
1886. ....	" G. M. Rulofson. ....	Yokohama, Japan. ....	New England. ....	New Britain, Conn.
1886. ....	" Hattie L. Ayres. ....	Mexico. ....	Cincinnati. ....	Hillsboro, O.

## UNDER APPOINTMENT.

Miss Edna C. Terry, M.D. ....	Tsun Hua, China. ....	New England.	Boston.
" Mary A. Hughes. ....	North India. ....	New York. ....	Brooklyn.
" Ella C. Shaw. ....	Nanking, China. ....	Northwestern.	Moore's Hill, Ind.
" Mary A. Vance. ....	Tokio, Japan. ....	Des Moines. ....	Burlington, Iowa.
" Eva R. Hinkle. ....	North India. ....	New York. ....	Brookport, N. Y.
" Francis Jenkins. ....	Buenos Ayres, S. A. ....	Northwestern.	Lacon, Ind.
" Minnie F. Abrams. ....	South India. ....	Minneapolis. ....	Mapleton, Minn.

## ACCEPTED BUT NOT APPOINTED.

Miss Laura Broughton. ....	.....	New York. ....	.....
" Julia Bonafield. ....	.....	Cincinnati. ....	.....

## MISSIONARIES OF WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY—Continued.

MISSIONARIES WHO HAVE RETURNED ON ACCOUNT OF ILL HEALTH AND WHOSE RETURN IS UNCERTAIN.

APPOINTED	MISSIONARIES.	WHERE EMPLOYED.	BRANCHES	PRESENT ADDRESS.
1878.....	Miss M. E. Priest.....	Hakodati, Japan.....	New York.....	Auburn, N. Y.
1878.....	" Eugenia Gibson.....	Lucknow, India.....	" ".....	Albany, N. Y.
1878.....	" Clara L. Mulliner.....	Mexico City.....	" ".....	Camden, N. J.
1879.....	" Kate C. Bushnell.....	Kiu Kiang, China.....	Northwestern.....	Denver, Col.
1879.....	" Della Howe.....	" ".....	Philadelphia.....	Lansing, Mich.
1879.....	Mrs. E. J. M. Clemens.....	Rosario, South America.....	Northwestern.....	Metropolis, Ill.

## RESIGNED AFTER TWENTY-FIVE YEARS' SERVICE.

1858.....	Miss Beulah Woolston.....	.....	.....	Trenton, N. J.
1858.....	" Sarah Woolston.....	.....	.....	" "

## FORMERLY EMPLOYED.

APPOINTED	MISSIONARIES.	POSTOFFICE ADDRESS.	
1871.....	Miss Carrie McMillan.....	Mrs. Rev. P. M. Buck.....	Parent Society.
1871.....	" Maria Brown.....	" Rev. G. R. Davis, Peking, China...	" "
1871.....	" Jennie Tinsley.....	" Rev. J. W. Waugh, Dwarahat, India	" "
1873.....	" S. F. Leming (Mrs. Shepherd) ..	Health failed. Returned to U.S. May, 1874	
1873.....	" Nannie Monelle, M. D.....	Mrs. H. Mansell, Cawnpore, India,.....	Parent Society.
1873.....	" Lucinda L. Coombs, M. D.....	" Rev. A. Sritmatner, Columbus, O.	
1874.....	" Letitia Mason, M. D. (Mrs. Quine)	Health failed. Returned to U.S. Aug. 1876	
1874.....	" Anna Julia Lore.....	Mrs. Rev. G. H. McGrew, Meriden, Conn	Parent Society.
1874.....	" D. E. Schoonmaker.....	" Dora S. Soper, Chicago, Ill.....	
1876.....	" Mary C. Cary.....	" Frank Davis.....	Parent Society.
1876.....	" Olive Whiting.....	Mrs. Rev. C. Bishop, Nagasaki, Japan...	" "

\*Deceased.

MISSIONARIES OF WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY. — *Continued.*

APPOINT	MISSIONARIES.	POSTOFFICE ADDRESS.
1872.....	Mrs. L. M. Pultz.....	Health failed. Returned 1877.....
1876.....	" Nettie C. Ogden.....	Santiago, South America.....
1871.....	" M. L. Porter.....	Mrs. Rev. Ganewell, Chung King, W. China
1878.....	Miss Margaret Elliott.....	Married in 1883.....
1880.....	" Kate Woodworth.....	Married in 1883.....
1881.....	" E. I. Hoy.....	Mrs. Lawson, Seetapore, India.....
1879.....	" Mary Sharp.....	Recalled.....
1877.....	" Leonora Howard, M. D.....	Married in 1884.....
1878.....	" Julia A. Sparr, M. D.....	" in 1884.....
1883.....	" M. Hugoboom.....	" in 1884.....
1874.....	" S. Trask, M. D.....	" in 1885.....
1882.....	" E. J. Benton.....	" in 1885.....
1882.....	" Estella Akers.....	" in 1885.....
1883.....	" Mary McKesson.....	" in 1886.....
1883.....	" Laura Hyde, M. D.....	" in 1886.....
1880.....	" Julia Goodenough.....	" in 1886.....
ENTERED INTO REST.		
1875.....	Miss Letitia A. Campbell.....	Died May 18, 1878.
1878.....	" Susan B. Higgins.....	" July 3, 1879.
1876.....	" Lucilla H. Green, M. D. (Mrs Cheney)	" Sept. 30, 1878.
1881.....	" Emma Michener.....	" Dec. 11, 1881.
1884.....	" Ella Gilchrist, M. D.....	" April 23, 1884.
1886.....	" Beulah Woolston.....	" Oct. 26, 1886.
1886.....	" Cecilia Gueff.....	" .....
1887.....	" Harriet Kerr.....	" Jan. 1887.

## REPORT OF HOME WORK.

### NEW ENGLAND BRANCH,

As its title indicates, includes the geographical territory bearing this name, the six Eastern States of the Union.

#### OFFICERS.

<i>President</i> .....	MRS. DR. W. F. WARREN, 329 Broadway Cambridgeport.
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#### CONFERENCE SECRETARIES.

<i>East Maine</i> .....	MRS. B. F. JEWELL.....Orrington, Me.
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<i>New Hampshire</i> ..	“ M. S. JUDKINS.....Bristol, N. H.
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<i>New England</i> ....	“ M. A. DORCHESTER.....Chelsea, Mass.
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<i>New York East</i> ..	“ B. G. LOWREY.....316 Lexington avenue, N. Y.
<i>New York</i> .....	“ B. N. CHANDLER.....Ocean Grove, N. J.

The most prominent facts marking the progress of our work during the year, are its healthy development, steady growth, and increasing devotion and earnestness of those already identified with it, and the interest among the children and young people.

The “mind to work” has been increasing among the women of the Branch, resulting not only in multiplied activities, but in a more thorough consecration of heart and life as Christian workers.

Seven conference anniversaries, twenty-one camp meeting anniversaries, thirty district conventions, and scores of public meetings have been held, and addressed by the veterans in this work, whose names are household words in thousands of Methodist homes. And then, added to these, are those who though younger in years and service, are reaching the hearts and quickening the consciences of many. Blessed helpers these, who at the call, “come over and help us” hasten, despite pressing

home cares to *obey*, never wearying of the service which brings to *them* an increase of that "peace that passeth understanding," and to others the privilege of helping to usher in the glad millennial morn!

Home workers have been developing and new ones raised up.

The increase of interest among the young ladies has been steadily growing, and the children seem ready everywhere to take "I'll Try" cards, or eager to be organized into bands, that they may do something in this work.

We have between seventy and eighty of these, including the young ladies' societies, some of which are regular auxiliaries.

This problem, how best to follow up the wonderful interest — *enthusiasm* rather—and do our whole duty to these "little ones," and yet be thoroughly loyal in appearance, as we are in heart, to the powers that be, demands our prayerful consideration continually.

Fifteen hundred Branch Annual reports, six hundred and sixty-eight of Sixteenth Annual Report of our society, 161,364 pages of leaflets, and thousands of pages of missionary letters and items, have been sent forth on their mission of light, love and inspiration.

Heathen Woman's Friend, I am sorry to say, has not gained in list of subscribers; we report a decrease of one hundred and six.

One thousand five hundred and seventy mite boxes have been sent out, to strengthen and assist in creating missionary zeal in the Methodist homes.

Our full quota for "Zenana Paper Fund," was completed last year, but has been receiving offerings from those who had not availed themselves of the opportunity for giving, amounting to \$178.62.

Two missionaries supported by this Branch have returned home during this year, Miss Yates, who has been doing good work for us among the churches, especially in Maine, where a live missionary has unlimited opportunities to work, as her time and strength may permit.

We have sent out three ladies; Miss Green to North China, Miss Fuller to India, and Miss Rulofson to Yokohama. We have another candidate, a medical lady, who will be ready for the work at the commencement of another year, if there should be any demand for her services.

It will be seen by our treasurer's report that we have not quite reached the amount we proposed to raise for the year, but we have had enough to meet all our financial obligations, with a respectable balance in hand toward the first remittance for the ensuing year, which must be ready in early December.

So, as we review the year, with all its sunshine and shadow, its toils and triumphs, its encouragements and discouragements, we bring *it* and ourselves to Him who has bidden us "go work in my vineyard," earnestly pleading that He will supplement *our* weakness and shortcomings, by His own almighty power, and give to us more Christ-likeness and Christ love.

## TREASURER'S REPORT.

Balance in treasury Oct. 1st, 1885.....	\$ 4,530 73
Received from Oct. 1st '85 to Oct. 1st 86.....	23,093 77
Total.....	\$27,624 40
Disbursements .....	21,953 37
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	\$ 5,671 03
Set apart as per appropriation.....	2,500 00
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Balance on hand.....	\$ 3,171 03

## RECEIVED FROM AUXILIARIES.

East Maine Conference.....	\$ 363 00
Maine " .....	1,353 95
New Hampshire " .....	1,902 19
Vermont " .....	1,617 56
Troy (fractional) " .....	925 91
New England " .....	7,495 71
New England Southern Conference.....	2,892 89
New York East " .....	2,283 84
Total from auxiliaries.....	\$18,834 25

## SUMMARY OF HOME WORK.

Auxiliaries.....	500
Members .....	12,605
Life members (90 new).....	1,036
Honorary managers (2 new).....	40
Life patrons.....	12
Conference secretaries.....	9
District secretaries.....	30
Subscribers to H. W. F.....	2,894
Pages of leaflets.....	161,364
Branch annual reports.....	1,500
W. F. M. S. annual reports.....	668
Mite boxes added this year.....	1,570

## SUMMARY OF FOREIGN WORK.

Missionaries .....	9
Assistants .....	15



Medical assistants.....	4
Matrons .....	3
Bible women and teachers .....	75
Pupils in boarding schools, and scholarships....	120
Orphans .....	34
City and day schools.....	51

The Executive Committee of New England Branch meets the second Wednesday of each month, at 36 Bromfield street, Boston.

### NEW YORK BRANCH.

Includes New York and New Jersey, with headquarters at New York City.

#### OFFICERS.

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<i>Treasurer</i> .....	“ J. M. CORNELL.....	141 Centre st.,	New York.
<i>Asst. Treasurer</i> ...	“ E. B. HEYDECKER,...	234 W. 48th st.,	“

#### CONFERENCE SECRETARIES.

<i>N. Y. Conference</i> ..	Mrs. KENNARD CHANDLER..	868 Lexington ave.,	N. Y.
<i>New York East</i> ...	“ A. LOWREY.....	316 “ “ “	“
<i>Troy</i> .....	“ JOS. HILLMAN.....	Troy,	New York.
<i>Central N. Y.</i> ...	“ S. B. ROBINSON.....	Clyde,	“ “
<i>Northern N. Y.</i> ...	“ GEO. GOODIER, 52 East Cayuga st.,	Oswego,	N. Y.
<i>Genesee</i> ...	“ { F. G. HIBBARD.....	Clifton Springs,	“
	“ { J. T. GRACEY.....	202 Eagle st.,	Buffalo, “
<i>Erie Conference</i> ..	“ E. A. TARBELL..	126 East Main st.,	Titusville, Pa.
<i>Wyoming</i> “	“ D. C. OLMSTEAD.....	Pittston,	Pa.
<i>Newark</i> “	“ J. H. KNOWLES .....	Newark,	N. J.
<i>New Jersey</i> “	“ D. D. LORE.....	Summit,	“

So intent have we been on the plans and purposes to meet the demands of the work as they unceasingly present themselves before us, that we can barely realize the time has come for review, and that we stand on the threshold of another year, when new responsibilities must be assumed and advanced steps taken. The conviction is deepening in the hearts of many, that we are instruments in the hands of God for a special work among women, and though at times during the year there have seemed

to be insurmountable obstacles and difficulties in the way, our faithful workers, believing that God hath chosen them, have gone forward looking unto Jesus, and the year has been a prosperous one. The work in New York and New Jersey has been carried on chiefly through the regular channels. The Conference and District Secretaries have been untiring in their efforts to increase the number of auxiliaries and members, and though we cannot report so large an increase as last year, we are steadily advancing. We are indebted to our returned missionaries, Miss Cushman and Miss Budden, for an increased enthusiasm and interest in parts of our Branch. Miss Cushman impressed not only herself, and her own experiences in the land for which her heart beats so warmly, upon our young people, but she made the needs of China so real and the power of our gospel to help China so manifest that the audiences were moved with practical sympathy. One friend in a morning congregation, after a large plate collection was taken, whispered to the Branch Corresponding Secretary: "I feel I have never done anything for this work in China. I will give you one thousand dollars this year." And many times during the year as the gifts of sacrifice have come, they have brought the request for China and Miss Cushman's work. Miss Anne Budden came to us from India, a stranger in a strange land, in search of health. She was born in India and educated in England. Her life was consecrated to works in the hills of India and when the Home for Homeless women was made possible by the generous gift of \$1,500 from Mrs. Newman, Miss Budden was chosen to take charge of it. We knew little of her or her work until she appeared among us. Her simplicity and earnestness, as well as devotion and strength of character, impressed all who heard her, and when she expressed a desire for more land and cottages to enlarge her work, the response came in a second gift of five hundred dollars to the W. F. M. S. through Mrs. J. P. Newman. Many other gifts from the young people were given for the medical class and a lot of tools from a friend, and in the words of Miss Budden, "her wants have all been supplied in America." and God has added to help for her work the inestimable blessing of health to her body, and a communion with himself, which is above all riches. Miss Budden was sent to India by the New York Branch, having been transferred to us by the Des Moines Branch. Could we have time to speak of the many interesting items that come to us through correspondence, your hearts would be touched as ours have been. The thank offerings, the memorial gifts, the sacrifices, pledges, money saved by hard labor made sweet by love to Jesus and His cause. Orphans supported to perpetuate the names of loved children taken to the bosom of God. Bible women supported by those who are shut in and unable to work actively for Christ, but who are intensely interested in the women who must be taught by a woman's voice and a woman's Christian life. All these, and many more items might be multiplied if we dared to

swell these pages by their insertion. We have endeavored to impress as thoroughly as we could upon our churches that our main dependence for continuous strong practical work in the foreign mission field is in the number and strength of our Auxiliaries. Every member and every two cents, counts in the aggregate, and upon this basis must be made all our appropriations to the foreign field. We have great reason to rejoice in the increased interest among the young people; and to sustain this interest among the "Willing Workers," and "Mission Bands," special work should be placed as far as possible in their care, making them responsible for the young girls we are educating and training as the future native helpers. These young ladies' Bands will furnish the recruits that must be found in this country to superintend the work at home and in the foreign field. The New York Branch has sent to the foreign work during the year five ladies: Miss Elliott, of New York, to Bombay, India; Miss Smith, of Syracuse, to Fukuoka, Japan; Miss Kaulback, of Waverly, to Tokio, Japan; Miss Pray, M.D., of Brooklyn, to Foochow, China, and Miss Budden, to India; giving us sixteen missionaries to support and pray for as our special responsibility. Would that we could double this number.

Miss Sparkes has come home after years of arduous labor, to recruit her health. She says, "She must have at least nine ladies from the different Branches for India." We are glad to respond that we have self-sacrificing, devoted women, who believe they are called of God for this work in the foreign field. They only wait for the means and the opportunity. Four ladies in our own Branch wait appointment, and all over our land there are others who only wait to know the way is open. Surely the New York Branch, with all its educational advantages, should be able to respond to calls from India, China, Japan, South America and Mexico. The toilers must be reinforced and new work must be taken up and we must have a share in it. Before we close, we must refer to our literature.

The *Heathen Woman's Friend* continues to be a joy and encouragement to us in our work, and we cannot understand the limited circulation of this paper in our Branch, though we are glad to report a small increase this year. Nothing can take its place to a woman engaged in this work. We feel as the numbers come to us on the first of the month that if we could send this one voice into every family in the church, it would be an irresistible power for missions among women. The *Leaflets* have become a necessity, and have often furnished us the needed material for an appeal for missions. Our *Leaflet* editor is prolific in material, and every new specimen that comes seems to be the best one. Our *Zenana* paper fund is not as large as it ought to be. We have not raised our quota of the \$20,000 endowment. Small sums have been coming in during the year and we hope soon to report the entire amount called for from this Branch.

The foreign work supported by this Branch is in India, China, Japan, Korea, Bulgaria, Italy, South America and Mexico. In India we have at

present four missionaries. Miss English is in Miss Sparkes' place, superintending the Orphanage. Miss Downey has the Zenana work in Bareilly. Miss Hyde has charge of the medical work in Cawnpore, and we regret to report that through continued ill health Miss Hyde withdraws from the work. Miss Budden has charge of the Home in Pithoragarh. The rest of our work is scattered through the various villages and districts of India. We are glad to report that we have supplied the place, made vacant by the marriage of Dr. Trask, in the medical work in Foochow.

Dr. Pray, of Brooklyn, was highly recommended, and by this time has made glad the hearts of those who were anxiously awaiting her arrival. Dr. Hoag is in Chinkiang, in charge of successful medical work. Mrs. Jewell is doing her utmost, under adverse circumstances, to carry her work in Peking. She has been suffering with her eyes until we feel, that in justice to herself, she should come home for medical advice. This she cannot do until some one can take her place and her duties. She has been brave and self-sacrificing, and we sincerely hope this will not be a permanent disability.

In Tokio we have two ladies, Miss Atkinson and Miss Kaulback. In Fukuoka, we have two, Miss Gheer and Miss Smith. In Hakodati, we have Miss Hampton in charge of the Caroline Wright Memorial School. In Korea, we partly support Mrs. Scranton. In Bulgaria, our work is the school in Loftcha, and the lady employed to work in Rustchuk. In Italy, we employ four Bible women. In South America, we have an interest in the work in Montevideo and Buenos Ayres. In Mexico, Pachuca, Miss Hastings has a successful work, and in Mexico City, Miss Le Huray has given great satisfaction in her work. Our foreign work will be more fully reported by the official correspondents.

We feel it would be wrong to close this partial report without a heartfelt thanksgiving to God for the most prosperous year we have ever known in the New York Branch. The Lord has magnified his name, and His presence is with us. To Him be all the Glory.

#### SUMMARY OF HOME WORK, October 1st, 1886.

Auxiliaries, including 71 "Y. L. Bands."..	89 increase,	792
Contributing churches—unorganized .....		227
Annual members.....	769 increase,	27,042
Life members.....	88 " "	1,148
Honorary managers.....	7 " "	78
Life patrons.....	4 " "	16
Conference secretaries.....		10
District " .....		40
Subscribers to H. W. F .....	279 increase,	3,673

Pages of Leaflets.....	150,000
Annual reports of "W. F. M. Soc.".....	800
"    "    " N. Y. Branch.....	1,200
Mite boxes distributed.....	2,000

## SUMMARY OF FOREIGN WORK, Oct. 1st, 1886.

Missionaries, two of them medical.....	18
Zenana teachers and assistants.....	16
Bible women in India.....	35
"    "    " China.....	3
"    "    " Japan.....	2
"    "    " Bulgaria.....	1
"    "    " Italy.....	4
"    "    " Mexico.....	2
Scholarships " India.....	8
"    " China.....	9
"    " Japan.....	43
"    " Bulgaria.....	6
Orphans " India.....	103
"    " Mexico.....	12
Contributing to three buildings.....	\$4,505

## TREASURER'S REPORT.

*Receipts.*

Central New York Conference.....	\$ 3,512 83
Eric Conference.....	227 71
Genesee ".....	3,107 91
New York Conference.....	7,411 97
New York East Conference.....	4,285 24
Northern New York Conference.....	3,187 60
Troy ".....	4,243 15
Wyoming ".....	1,348 25
Newark ".....	3,734 03
New Jersey ".....	2,622 78
East German ".....	85 50
Miscellaneous.....	239 00
Interest.....	110 94
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	\$34,116 96

Balance on hand October, 1885.....	7,132 77
Total.....	\$41,249 73
Disbursements.....	38,192 84
Balance October, 1886.....	3,056 89

Branch Executive Committee meeting, at 805 Broadway, the 3rd Thursday of the month, at 11 A. M.

### PHILADELPHIA BRANCH

Includes Pennsylvania and Delaware, with headquarters at Philadelphia.

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<i>Treasurer</i> .....	MRS. J. S. CHAHOON.....	134 S. Fourth st., "

#### CONFERENCE SECRETARIES.

<i>Central Penna.</i> .....	MRS. R. HINKLE.....	Danville, Montour Co., Pa.
<i>Erie (fractional)</i> ..	" E. A. TARBELL...	126 E. Main st., Titusville, Pa.
<i>Genesee</i> .....	" " D. W. C. HUNTINGDON.....	Olean, N. Y.
<i>Central N. Y.</i> ..	" MISS ISABEL PRATT.....	Towanda, Bradford Co., Pa.
<i>Philadelphia</i> .....	MRS. S. M. VERNON...	1725 N. Seventh st., Philadelphia.
<i>Pittsburgh</i> .....	" E. D. VANKIRK,	Forbes st., Oaklands, Pittsburgh.
<i>Wilmington (frac.)</i> ..	" E. B. STEVENS,	1221 Market st., Wilmington, Del.
<i>Wyoming</i> .....	" " E. L. OLNSTEAD .....	Pittston, Luzerne Co., Pa.

The past year in the history of the Philadelphia Branch has been one of unusual anxiety but increasing faith. There have been times when our treasury, in its balance on hand, has reached the lowest point that has been touched in many years. It has seemed as if we were about to take out the last handful of flour and the last cup of oil; but neither cruse nor barrel have ever been quite empty, and before the next quarterly payment became due there has been enough and to spare. As the accounts are closed we find a larger amount collected than in any previous year, and we are very thankful that the command "halt" has not checked our advance.

In consideration of our previous capacity, the appropriations taken last year were large but have all been met, with the exception of one



item—the sending of a lady to Kiu Kiang, and no one has been presented to fill this position. A medical lady, Dr. Kate McDowell, sent from Philadelphia, is now on her way to India, having sailed from New York October 9. The two missionaries, Miss Kyle and Miss Lauck, who left us about the same date last year, are proving successful laborers, and have been blessed with excellent health. Miss Kyle has been teaching in the Girl's High School in Cawnpore, and Miss Lauck assisting in the Girl's Orphanage at Bareilly.

There is faithful, intelligent work done in every Conference in the Branch, and while those directing it keep, as they do now, an eye single to the glory of God, our advancement will be sure. There have been eighteen district conventions held during the year, and each one has been a source of inspiration as well as increased knowledge to those attending; and like new springs of water bursting forth have carried fertility to hitherto dry places. The activity of Conference and District Secretaries is attested in the organization and reconstruction of fifty Auxiliaries and Bands. There has been, however, so careful a culling of unfruitful portions that we report a net increase of but nineteen new societies, and a smaller number of members than was announced last year; yet our receipts are \$3,000 in excess of our last report, showing that the numbers now reported probably represent the real workers for the cause.

The increasing enthusiasm among the Bands is reflecting some of their own young life, refreshing the weary ones in their onward though sometimes monotonous march. Like reinforcements brought on to a hardly contested battlefield, we gather fresh courage from the joyous shouts of these new comers to our aid. In some of these young Societies the exercises are so admirably chosen, the methods so wisely planned, that the girls find themselves growing into a truer knowledge of Christ Himself, and are lifted out of the excitements of worldly pleasure, finding in work for eternity the draughts of living water that bring a richer and broader life.

The Branch Annual Meeting was by far the largest ever yet held in our territory; one hundred and fifty Auxiliaries and Bands being represented. The papers, all of which were on themes touching the very heart of the work, were ably written, and there was manifested a humility of spirit in dependence on Divine help, and a courageous, honest faith, that was assurance of the presence of the Holy Spirit. The representations by Miss Sparkes and Miss Easton, of their respective works, and the touching recital of King Eng's story, told by herself, brought the listeners into very close contact with the results of foreign mission effort, which often seems so intangible to the indifferent. Here was the direct evidence that labor for God cannot be in vain.

At present our numerical force stands :

No. of Auxiliaries .....	net increase, 19	389
“ Members.....		11,395
New Auxiliaries and reorganizations .....		51
Life Members.....	increase, 36	335
Honorary Managers.....		22
“ Life Patrons.....	increase 2	5
Subscribers to “Heathen Woman’s Friend”.....		1,769
Mite Boxes distributed .....		928
Mission Boxes sent.....		4

#### FOREIGN SUMMARY.

No. Missionaries in active service.....	6
“ “ on sick furlough.....	1
“ Native Teachers, Bible Women and Assistants ... ..	29
“ Orphans supported.....	32
“ Scholarships sustained.....	46
“ Native Schools supported.....	19
“ New Buildings contributed to .....	3

#### TREASURER’S REPORT.

Sept. 25, 1885. Balance in Treasury.....	\$5,221 52
To Sept. 25, 1886. Whole amount received.....	18,036 90
Total.....	\$23,258 42
Sept. 25, 1885, to Sept. 25, 1886. Disbursements...\$17,940 00	
Sept. 25, 1886. Balance in Treasury.....	\$5,318 42
	<hr/> \$23,258,42

#### BY CONFERENCES.

Central Pennsylvania.....	\$3,734 32
Erie .....	1,211 97
Genesee (fractional).....	109 42
New York Central (fractional).....	111 75
Philadelphia .....	5,949 46
Pittsburgh.....	3,968 05
Wilmington (fractional).....	1,617 49
Wyoming (fractional).....	1,038 53
	<hr/> \$17,740 89

Interest on Deposit.....	\$77 99	
Miscellaneous.....	218 02	
		29 160
		<hr/> \$18,036 90

Meeting of the Branch Executive Committee at 1018 Arch street, at 10:30 A. M., the first Wednesday of the month.

### BALTIMORE BRANCH.

Includes Maryland, District of Columbia and Eastern Virginia, with headquarters at Baltimore.

#### OFFICERS.

<i>President</i> .....	MRS. F. A. CROOK, cor. Madison ave. and Townsend st.
<i>Cor. Secretary</i> ,...	MISS I. HART.....612 North Calvert st.
<i>Rec. Secretary</i> ....	MRS. DR. C. MORGAN....Calverton, Baltimore county.
<i>Treasurer</i> .....	" M. G. HAMILTON.....661 West Fayette st.

#### CONFERENCE AND DISTRICT SECRETARIES.

##### BALTIMORE CONFERENCE.

<i>Baltimore District</i> .	MRS. H. C. TUDOR.....	Waverly, Baltimore County.
<i>W. Baltimore</i> " "	S. M. HARTSOCK .....	Mulberry st.
<i>E. Baltimore</i> " "	G. G. BAKER.....	1806 E. Baltimore st.
<i>Washington</i> " "	J. MCK. REILEY.....	3318 O st., Washington.
<i>Cumberland</i> " "	C. W. BALDWIN....	812 Twentieth st., "
<i>Wilmington Conf.</i> } (fractional) }	E. B. STEVENS, 1221 Market st.,	Wilmington, Del.

For many things in the review of the year we have great reason to be thankful: for the spirit of love that has animated the hearts of all our workers — for the closer fellowship of Christ they have had in this fellowship of service — for the peace and strength and joy that have come to them in this fellowship and in this service. For this deepened spirit of devotion — for the Master's presence in all our meetings — for the seal He has set upon the work, in the prosperity that has come to the Churches and to the individual Christians that have heartily engaged therein, we are thankful; and especially for the deepening interest and earnest activity of our young people, so that they are becoming more important factors in our work.

For enlarged receipts we are also thankful: being just a thousand dollars in advance of last year — without any legacy, or large or special

gifts, and without the inspiration coming from having any missionary within our borders, save a brief and interesting visit from Miss Holbrook.

Yet there are some reasons for regret — certainly for improvement. In the contracted territory of the Branch, already well worked, there cannot be large increase of Auxiliaries; but the standard still falls far short of attainment — an Auxiliary in every Church. Nor is the increase in members even, in proportion to the increase of money. How long, O Lord! how long can any Christian woman turn away from the pleadings from these Christian women? And still, in our own Branch, there are more turning away than are taking up the work; yet the army is increasing, and shall continually.

For the small subscription list to our FRIEND we are greatly mortified, and pledge ourselves to its increase. That, despite diligent search and the money waiting in our treasury to be thus used, we have not found the woman to send to India greatly pains us. That the medical woman has not started for West China may be deemed providential in the light of present developments.

Having already nearly doubled the proportionate amount asked for Zenana paper, having given forty-nine and one-half cents per member, we have not pressed this collection: but \$42.75 was voluntarily given.

We mourn having no missionary standard bearer in North India. We rejoice in the strength given, the patient endurance, the steady faithfulness of Miss Layton, still keeping her in charge of the Calcutta school; in the devotion and efficiency of Miss Everding in Nagasaki; in that Miss Fisher, while under the over-pressure of work too earnestly undertaken, temporarily broke down, has recovered strength that she prodigally spends while she pleads for help. And we rejoice in the abundant blessing that has attended the labors of all missionaries, and that has rested on all the departments of our work in the foreign field.

So in reviewing the year, for these many things we thank God; from them we take courage. Yet, conscious of their deficiencies and humbled by these failures, counting ourselves as having not attained, or being already perfect, we press toward the mark for the prize of our high calling.

#### SUMMARY OF HOME WORK.

Auxiliaries.....	10 increase,	130
Members.....	300 “	4,940
Life Members.....	20 “	165
Life Managers .....		21
Subscribers to “Heathen Woman's Friend”.....		750

## SUMMARY OF FOREIGN WORK.

Missionaries.....	3
Assistants.....	3
Bible Women.....	10
Medical Students.....	3
Scholarships and Orphans.....	65

## TREASURER'S REPORT.

Balance on hand October 7, 1885.....	\$3,253 93
Received during year.....	8,619 99
Total.....	\$11,873 92
Disbursements.....	6,749 73
Balance.....	\$5,124 19

Branch Executive Meeting, first Thursday in the month, in the Lecture Room of First M. E. Church.

## CINCINNATI BRANCH

Includes Ohio, West Virginia, Kentucky, and Tennessee, with headquarters at Cincinnati.

## OFFICERS.

<i>President</i> .....	MRS. BISHOP CLARK, Glenway Ave., Clifton, Cin., Ohio.
<i>Cor. Secretary</i> .....	“ B. R. COWEN, 313 Kemper Lane, Cincinnati, Ohio.
<i>Rec. Secretary</i> .....	“ W. C. HAMILTON.....Covington, Kentucky.
<i>Treasurer</i> .....	“ WM. B. DAVIS, Glenway Ave., Clifton, Cin., Ohio.

## CONFERENCE SECRETARIES.

<i>Cincinnati Conf.</i> ...	MRS. I. W. JOYCE..319 W. 7th St., Cincinnati, Ohio.
<i>Ohio</i> “ .. “	J. H. CREIGHTON.....Lithopolis, “
<i>Central Ohio</i> “ .. “	A. S. CLASON....72 Scoley St., Delaware, “
<i>North Ohio</i> “ .. “	H. BENTON....272 Sibley St., Cleveland, “
<i>East Ohio</i> “ .. “	E. HINGELEY.....New Philadelphia, “
<i>West Virginia</i> “ .. “	T. W. CHIDESTER, Knottsville, Taylor Co., W. Va.
<i>Kentucky</i> “ .. “	G. E. SAVAGE.....Covington, Ky.
<i>Holston</i> “ .. “	A. C. KNIGHT.....Athens, Tenn.
<i>Central German Conf.</i>	MISS LIZZIE BAUR.....56 Mellen St., Cin.

When the King of Syria complained that he had failed in his plots to capture the King of Israel, "not once or twice," he was told that there was a prophet in Israel who "tellethe the King of Israel what thou speakest in thy bed chamber." No intermediate channel is needed to tell our King what praying women say in their closets, and at the close of another year's labor, looking back over the way the Lord hath led us, we can see that every trying emergency, every obstacle that seemed to block the way, was surmounted by the arm that never faileth, and with earnest gratitude, we render our thanks to Him who hath heard our supplications, and accepted the offering of our hands. There has never been a year in our Branch history, when our treasury has been so nearly depleted, but we close the year with every obligation met, and there is still "oil in the cruse," to light one torch in the darkness of heathenism.

Very vigorous work has characterized the year. New organizations have been formed and growing spirituality has warmed the meetings. The aggressive work among the young people continues, and the whole church feels the impetus. One instance of this reflex influence is worth recording. Some years ago, in a thriving town, the pastor's wife organized a Band of young girls about thirteen years old. Among those who opposed the movement was the father of one of the girls, a man of wealth and influence, who let his daughter attend under protest. The organization has been kept up, and this father now says it saved all those girls to the church.

As we have only counted the living, paying Auxiliaries, our aggregate is not so large as might be expected from the active work done during the year, but we cannot count those who are asleep, or "gone on a journey," in our advancing columns, though we will gladly welcome them back if they "repent and do their first work over again." A new element of strength came into our Branch work during the past year in the organization by Miss Dreyer, of eleven Auxiliaries in the Central German Conference. Though organized after the year commenced, every member is represented by more than one dollar each and a pledge of double that amount, is given for the coming year.

Thirty-eight district conventions have been held. At ten camp meetings, special services in the interest of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society were held, and some of them were seasons of great spiritual power. We have also had anniversaries at seven annual Conferences.

Six hundred copies of the General Executive Report, and 3,000 Branch Annuals were circulated. 175,000 pages of leaflets have been sown broadcast over our territory. The uniform study is now generally carried out.

There is one subject of which we speak with shame, and that is the circulation of the *Heathen Woman's Friend*, which shows a decrease during the last year. While some reasons can be given for this, still all must agree, it should not be the case, and a decided course of personal visitations is recommended during the year.



Miss Elliott, has been sent to Nagasaki, and Miss Miller and Miss Ayers, are ready to leave for India and Mexico, respectively.

For some years we have been joyfully thankful for the strong force of workers, almost unbroken, in the foreign field, belonging to the Cincinnati Branch. During this year Misses Easton and Thoburn have returned to recruit failing health, and in the coming year, Misses Nickerson, Sears and Russell, must come for the same reason. It is a source of keen regret that we have not the candidates ready to fill these "breaches in the wall;" only two names are presented this year, though quite a number are preparing for this work, and others waiting for the consent of parents. It might be mentioned here that two of our Branch Missionaries have, in addition to other duties, prepared and published a book each, during the past year; Miss Russell, a Bible History, and Miss Sears a School Geography.

Our thank offering day was one long to be remembered. The sudden call for Mexico, was made the channel for these offerings, and the amounts which came quietly into our treasury by this means aggregated \$2,000. Then the union of prayer and praise had a wonderful uplifting power, and the day was a blessed one.

Most grateful mention should be made of the spirit of harmony and love that exists in our Branch work. "In honor preferring one another," and united in devotion to the work of our Master, in seeking to save those He died to redeem. With thanks to God for past help, and humble trust for future guidance, we enter another year, thankful for a place to work in the great harvest field.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT.

Balance October 8, 1885.....	3,111 15
Receipts from Cincinnati Conference.....	6,315 83
"    "    Ohio    "    .....	6,214 64
"    "    North Ohio    "    .....	2,812 87
"    "    East    "    "    .....	5,002 07
"    "    Central    "    "    .....	2,645 95
"    "    Kentucky, Tennessee, Atlanta Branch.....	1,009 78
"    "    West Virginia.....	591 95
"    "    Central German.....	265 30
"    "    other sources.....	314 80
Total.....	\$28,284 34
Disbursements.....	26,198 60
Balance on hand October 13, 1886.....	\$ 2,085 74

## HOME SUMMARY.

Auxiliaries and Y. L. Societies.....	88 new ones,	690
Bands.....	18 " "	85
Members.....	500 " "	13,000
Life members.....	198 " "	1,188
" managers..	9 " "	84
Lady patrons.....		9
Mite boxes.....		3,000
Subscriptions to H. W. F.....		2,251
Receipts.....		\$25,085 18

## FOREIGN SUMMARY.

Missionaries.....	14
Assistants.....	3
Bible women.....	62
Orphans.....	36
Scholarships.....	88
Boarding schools, one and part of two others.....	
Day schools.....	38
Sent for new buildings.....	\$3,750
" " rent repairs.....	3,000
Sending out and bringing home Missionaries.....	1,600

## NORTHWESTERN BRANCH

Includes Wisconsin, Illinois, Michigan and Indiana, with headquarters at Chicago.

## OFFICERS.

<i>President</i> .....	MRS. I. R. HITT.....	Evanston, Ill.
<i>Cor. Secretary</i> .....	" H. M. W. HILL.....	1616 Indiana ave., Chicago, "
<i>Rec. Secretary</i> .....	" L. A. CALDER.....	Chicago, "
<i>Treasurer</i> .....	" F. P. CRANDON .....	Evanston, "

## CONFERENCE SECRETARIES.

<i>Michigan</i> .....	MRS. E. A. HOAG.....	Grand Rapids, Mich.
<i>Detroit</i> .....	" F. D. YORK.....	Belleville, "
<i>West Wisconsin</i> ....	" L. LAWSON .....	Albany, Wis.

<i>Wisconsin</i> .....	Mrs. E. M. WILSON.....	Neenah, Wis.
<i>S. E. Indiana</i> .....	" KATE L. HAYNES.....	Connelsville, Ind.
<i>N. W. Indiana</i> ....	" A. C. MCKINSEY.....	Monticello, "
<i>N. Indiana</i> .....	" C. G. HUDSON.....	Anderson, "
<i>Indiana</i> .....	" E. M. KELLY.....	Indianapolis, Ind.
<i>S. Illinois</i> .....	" E. M. HYPES.....	Lebanon, Ill.
<i>Central Illinois</i> ...	" J. G. McDOWELL.....	Fairbury, "
<i>Illinois</i> .....	" H. READ.....	Mattoon, "
<i>Rock River, Ill.</i> ....	" C. E. MANDEVILLE.....	Chicago, "

The aggregated individual efforts of the hundreds of earnest workers in our Branch make, when garnered, a precious sheaf of tithes and offerings lovingly given for the Master's use.

When the Summer's heat was upon us, the rust of selfishness and drought of apathy seemed to threaten a shrinkage of our expected fruitage; but the sunshine of God's love and the dew of His grace, in answer to importunate prayer, fell upon the field—and, lo! we come with joy and thanksgiving, with more golden grains and heavier sheaf than ever before in the history of our Branch.

"Not unto us, O Lord, but unto Thy name we give the glory."

We were favored at the commencement of the fiscal year with the meeting of the General Executive Committee within our borders, at Evanston, Ill. It was a precious occasion, and one so characterized by the Divine blessing and consequent faith, that our Branch took large appropriations.

To meet these, vigorous effort has been made; and the fruits thereof, as shown in organization, in devising new methods, in perfecting old ones, and in direct personal persuasion, will remain to bless coming years. Verily light cometh out of darkness.

Every one of our Conferences has held an anniversary, and reports the brethren in the ministry, like a grand reserve corps, moving up to our support. We have held during the year, 6,615 monthly meetings, 550 public meetings.

The organization of societies among our German population has progressed very satisfactorily under the management of Miss Maggie Dreyer. We number twenty Auxiliaries, an increase of nineteen the present year. Two hundred and eighty-four copies of the German "Heathen Woman's Friend," and eighteen copies of the English "Friend" are taken. We have societies in four of our German Conferences. The collections have paid Miss Dreyer's expenses and given ten dollars to the treasury while, from their membership dues, and the gift of a German brother of one hundred dollars, they bring about five hundred dollars into the treasury.

We have had but little help from returned missionaries, although we gratefully mention the excellent service rendered by Mr. Wilcox of China, Dr. Butler and Dr. Thoburn of India.

At our last Annual Meeting, after very careful discussion of the subject, we adopted a Constitution and By-Laws for Children's Bands. These, now, with those previously organized, number about forty. These and the Young Ladies' Societies, have not only contributed their mites for the general fund, but have sent flags and boxes of presents to the Schools in our Missions.

From a number of places where there was no Auxiliary, money has been gathered and sent to the treasury; as many as thirteen places in one Conference so contributing. We have received no large bequests. Litigation concerning a large one, given us three years since, is still going on.

Our District Meetings have in interest, method, and result, been in advance of last year; an excellent feature added to many of them being the Children's Meeting. Some of them are sub-divided, and ladies appointed from adjoining Auxiliaries to organize and assist in resuscitating feeble societies.

Our Publication Committee has sent out 124,356 pages of Missionary leaflets. They have also sent out 2,000 Branch Annual Reports, 1,200 of General Annual Reports, blanks of dismissal, and large numbers of blanks or quarterly reports and recommendation and organization.

The Missionary Literature Committee has sent out, with the gratuitous assistance of five ladies, in hectographing, a great number of letters from Missionaries, clippings from letters and magazines, besides many leaflets published by other denominations.

The Committee in charge of mite boxes has sent out during the year 5,463 flat boxes, 2,489 square boxes—total, 7,952. The amount collected from our mite boxes, in use the past year, aggregates \$2,210.40.

The Photograph Committee has now the pictured semblances of nearly all of the Missionaries; most of them have an accompanying small leaflet giving a few items regarding the person photographed. They have this year brought sixty dollars into the treasury.

The Medical Educational Committee has but one student at present under its care; she, in a few months, will be most excellently equipped for her work.

Twenty-five Bureaus of Exchange are repositories for, and modes of communication between the Auxiliaries of their several districts; and most of these Circulating Missionary Libraries have been greatly enriched the past year by the labors of our Missionary Literature Committee.

In some places a Memorial Fund has been created, by the payment of one dollar, which entitles the person to the privilege of placing the name of a departed loved one on the record. This, in one place, amounts

to sixty dollars; and they now ask to use twenty-five dollars yearly in support of an orphan.

Our subscribers to the "Heathen Woman's Friend" number 4,674. Our contribution to the Zenana paper fund, \$463.36. The Corresponding Secretary has corresponded during the year with thirty-four ladies desirous of entering the foreign work. Three of them are now studying in colleges, with a view to better preparation, and two are contemplating entering the Training School. Two have been accepted — Miss Ella C. Shaw of Moore's Hill, Indiana, and Miss Frances Jenkins of Lacon, Illinois. Miss Shaw's probable destination is Nankiang, China. Miss Jenkins will sail November 20, to take Miss Goodenough's place in Buenos Ayres.

In the new building of the Chicago Training School for City, Home and Foreign Missions, our Executive Committee has planned to have a Mission Room, as an abiding place for our society, fitted up with maps, books and engravings of Missionary premises; making a Missionary center, as well as a gathering place for our meetings every two weeks, a hearth-stone and an altar-place together for our Missionary family.

The Quarterly Report of the Branch Corresponding Secretary has been printed and sent to each Auxiliary each quarter; and the twelve Conference Secretary's Reports have gone on an itinerary each quarter among the Conference Secretaries.

Our Thank-offering day was more generally observed than ever before. Financially the aggregate was \$4,135.51; spiritually, the day's benefit can only be computed by the arithmetic of Heaven.

Boxes of Christmas gifts and maps have supplemented the tithes, and established a current of fellowship between our home girls and those who, by Christian effort, are brought from darkness to light.

We have, with great cordiality, given the force of our sisterly influence to the work of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, asking our workers in all the foreign stations to welcome and socially assist Mrs. Leavitt, the organizer sent by the Temperance Society, on her round the world mission.

We have also extended the borders of our Branch in a very unexpected manner. Mrs. L. A. Hagans, a former Conference Secretary of Rock River Conference, while traveling abroad, visited the Methodist Episcopal Conferences of Germany and Switzerland; and, upon invitation of Bishop Foss, Mrs. Hagans addressed and proceeded to organize a Woman's Foreign Missionary Society. The brethren eagerly responded for their wives, and two societies, numbering nearly twenty members, were organized in each of those countries. As these societies must belong to some Branch, they were, by their god-mother, placed in our own family — children of the Northwestern Branch — to whom we send loving greeting and most abundant welcome.

We have sent Miss Lizzie Hewett to Puebla, Mexico; making another star set in the girdle of Christianity, which we trust will girdle the whole world.

Our Branch Annual Meeting was more largely attended than any previous one, and most fitly closes the year of effort, success and conscious blessing.

#### SUMMARY OF HOME WORK.

Auxiliaries.....	857
Members.....	20,001
Life Members.....	275 new ones, 2,556
Honorary Managers.....	64
Honorary Patrons.....	11
Subscribers to "Heathen Woman's Friend".....	4,674

#### SUMMARY OF FOREIGN WORK.

Missionaries.....	14
Assistants.....	26
Bible Women.....	6
Orphans and Scholarships.....	112
Day Schools.....	12

#### TREASURER'S REPORT.

Balance on hand, Oct. 1, 1885.....	\$3,727 43
Received during the year.....	35,388 94
Total.....	\$39,116 37
Disbursements.....	39,674 80

Branch Executive Meeting the second and fourth Fridays of each month, at 9:30 A. M., 161 La Salle street, Chicago.

#### DES MOINES BRANCH

Includes the States of Iowa and Missouri.

#### OFFICERS.

<i>President</i> .....	MRS. MARY S. HUSTON.....	Burlington, Iowa.
<i>Rec. Secretary</i> .....	" L. E. MCENTIRE.....	" "
<i>Cor. Secretary</i> .....	" L. D. CARHART.....	Marion, "
<i>Treasurer</i> .....	" E. K. STANLEY.....	Des Moines, "



## CONFERENCE SECRETARIES.

<i>Iowa Conference</i> ....	MRS. M. B. POWER.....	Keokuk, Iowa.
<i>Des Moines</i> “ .....	MISS L. PEARSON.....	Des Moines, “
<i>Upper Iowa</i> “ .....	MRS. M. W. PORTER, M. D.....	Davenport, “
<i>N. W. Iowa</i> “ .....	“ ISABELLA G. WHITFIELD.....	Sioux City, “
<i>St. Louis</i> “ .....	“ ADA B. HAGERTY.....	St. Louis, Mo.
<i>Missouri</i> “ .....	MISS LAURA CRAIN.....	Brookfield, “
<i>S. Cal.</i> “ .....	MRS. J. P. EARLY.....	Los Angeles Cal.

We come to our annual meeting, in these beautiful October days, with hearts more trustful of our loving Father's care, than we did a twelve month ago. Experience has given hope, and our hope is one that maketh not ashamed, for the present and ultimate success of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society is of God. It is human to be anxious, but it is Christlike to cast all our care upon our loving Father, asking his guidance, that from His infinite bounty, He shall supply all our needs, both temporal and spiritual. His gracious answerings of our petitions have filled our hearts with gladness and our lips with praise, and as we stand on the threshold of a new year's work, we look back over all the way He has led us, ashamed that we ever entertained a fear that He would be so unmindful of His work, or so neglectful of us, His trembling, anxious disciples, as not to grant the requests of our hearts, in multiplying the little loaves, and the few small fishes, we were trying to distribute to the famishing thousands crying for bread in the desert places of the earth. Turning away from past distrust, we enter upon this year with this little song of faith:

He that hath led, will lead  
 All through the wilderness.  
 He that hath fed, will feed;  
 He who hath blessed, will bless;  
 He who hath heard our cry,  
 Will never close his ear;  
 He who hath marked our faintest sigh,  
 Will not forget our tear;  
 He loveth always, faileth never,  
 So we rest on Him to-day, forever.

While in numbers our record is not far above that of last year, yet we are glad to say it is more accurate, and we believe we stand on a firmer numerical basis than a year ago. We give only figures that we know to be fact. We count only those societies that have been sufficiently alive to contribute towards our appropriations.

In reply to questions sent to Auxiliaries, we find a record of much faithful work done, many public meetings held, more District Conventions, and better ones than last year, also an anniversary held in each of our six Conferences.

We regret that lesson leaves and uniform readings have been so little used, for too often our societies languish and die for want of missionary intelligence.

We have distributed five hundred General Executive Reports, 1,000 Branch Annual Reports, five hundred mite boxes, and 30,000 Leaflets.

The *Heathen Woman's Friend* has not had as large circulation as we have desired. We have coveted 2,000 subscribers in our Branch, and have urged the increase of circulation to that number, but in the first half year our circulation decreased eighty-three. In the last half we have gained twenty-one, making our total decrease this year sixty-two. We are encouraged by even this small gain, and hope to place this paper, so loyal to Christ, to missions and Methodism, in the hands of at least fifteen hundred readers, by October, 1887.

We have not quite reached the amount of our assessment, (twenty-five cents per member) for the Zenana Paper fund.

Some portions of our Branch this year have been greatly helped in the excellent work done by our organizers, Mrs. J. P. Negus, and Miss Jennie Beck. These, with our faithful Conference and District Secretaries, have given us new societies, more members—have encouraged existing Auxiliaries, and kept our machinery oiled and running.

Summing up the effort of the year, we can say that willing hearts have prompted patient hands to labor for a loving Lord, who tenderly says, "let it be told as a memorial of them, they have done what they could."

Miss Anna Lawson, of Ottumwa, Iowa, sailed for India, in April, and arrived at Bombay, June 6th. The beauty of her consecrated life, has been an inspiration to others. Many have been the prayers that followed her, and numerous the letters expressive of deepest interest and tenderest regard.

Again we have the honor of presenting another name, accepted and waiting appointment, Miss Mary Vance, of Burlington, Iowa, sharing equally with Miss Lawson; in our tender love and care, and for whom shall the same petitions rise.

These examples have been a great stimulus to work in our Young Ladies' Societies. Among these and the little girl's Bands, we have found this year faithful and enthusiastic workers. They have made crazy quilts, their deft fingers have wrought all manner of fancy work; they have been the busy salesmen in bazaars, canvassers for the sale of needle packages; have given concerts and raised chickens, that they might contribute the fruit of their labor, that others might be partakers of the fruit of the tree of life.

Of those who have visited our Branch this year, in the interest of the million for missions, grateful mention is made of Dr. Wm. Butler, Dr.

J. M. Thoburn and the Rev. M. C. Wilcox, and by their earnest appeals in our behalf, they have encouraged our workers and inspired others to become laborers with us.

Our annual meeting, held at Davenport, October 7 to 10, was a season of great interest, and spiritual profit, and rendered especially interesting by the presence of Mrs. Gamewell and the Rev. M. C. Wilcox. Thus we have been enabled to place a few stories in the magnificent mosaic of mission work of whose grand outlines we catch but a faint glimpse, while we yet see "through the glass darkly," but whose beauty shall be displayed in the eternities, finished in rich and varied coloring, given by God's own hand, and radiant with the light that proceedeth from the Throne.

Who shall measure the work for another year. Vast are our opportunities, immense our responsibilities! Some who are toilers to-day will wear the crown to-morrow. The voice that sings the matin song shall be silent at the vesper hour, and they who have listened shall take up the glad refrain, until the church militant below, and triumphant above in prayer, and work, and praise, shall hasten the coming of the time when it shall be said "The Kingdoms of this world are become the Kingdoms of our Lord and His Christ, and he shall reign forever and ever."

#### FOREIGN SUMMARY.

Missionaries.....	1
Bible women.	
India.....	9
Italy.....	1
Mexico.....	1—11
Orphans.	
India.....	38
Mexico.....	3—41
Scholarships.	
Japan.....	14
China.....	15—29
Partial support of schools.	
India.....	1
China.....	3
Buenos Ayres.....	1
Pachuca, Mex.....	1—6
Partial support of teachers.	
China.....	1
Japan.....	2
South America.....	6
Bulgaria.....	1
Mexico.....	1—11

## Partial support of matrons.

Pithoragarh.....	1
Lucknow.....	1
Tokio.....	1— 3
Sent abroad for new buildings.....	\$ 750
Passage and outfit of one missionary.....	1,200

## HOME SUMMARY.

Auxiliaries.....	273
Members.....	1,505 increase, 7,133
Life members.....	24 “ 718
H. Managers.....	21
Life patrons.....	5
Young Ladies' Societies.....	29
Members.....	742
Subscribers to H. W. F.....	1,124
Subscribers to German H. W. F.....	92
Leaflets distributed.....	30,000

## TREASURER'S REPORT.

October 1, 1885, cash on hand.....	\$ 395 17
Receipts to October 1, 1886.....	9,838 46
Total.....	\$10,233 63
Disbursements.....	8,432 11
Balance.....	\$ 1,801 52

## MINNEAPOLIS BRANCH

Includes Minnesota, Dakota, Montana, Idaho, Washington Territory, and Oregon.

## OFFICERS.

<i>President</i> .....	MRS. EMILY HUNTINGDON MILLER...	St. Paul, Minn.
<i>Rec. Secretary</i> .....	“ J. M. HEARD.....	Minneapolis, “
<i>Cor. Secretary</i> .....	“ MARY C. NIND.....	“ “
<i>Treasurer</i> .....	“ WARDWELL COUCH.....	“ “

## CONFERENCE SECRETARIES.

<i>Minnesota</i> .....	MRS. C. S. WINCHELL.....	Minneapolis, Minn.
<i>Dakota</i> .....	“ J. M. HARTSOUGH.....	Sioux Falls, Dak.
<i>N. Dakota</i> .....	“ D. C. PLANNETTE.....	Grand Falls, Dak.
<i>Montana</i> .....	“ J. F. MILLS.....	White Sulphur Springs, Mont.
<i>Columbia River</i> ...	“ L. TARR.....	Walla Walla, Wash. Ter.
“ “ ...	“ ANNA SIMPSON, Ass't Sec.....	The Dalles, Oregon.
<i>Idaho</i> .....	“ L. A. ANDERSON.....	Baker City, “
<i>Oregon</i> .....	“ M. C. WIRE.....	Salem, “
<i>German Con. Sec.</i>	MISS M. DREYER.....	Armstrong, Kansas.
<i>Agent of Supplies</i> , Mite Chests, Reports, Certificates, Leaflets,		
MRS. E. B. PARKER, 335 East Tenth St...St. Paul Minn.		

The Minneapolis Branch, the largest and the smallest, the poorest and the richest, the largest in territory, smallest in numbers, richest in resources vegetable and mineral but poorest in money, since every Conference and Mission is on Missionary ground, stretches across this continent from St. Paul, Minnesota, to Port Townsend, Washington Territory northward and westward; and southward into Minnesota, Dakota, and Oregon.

We are more than ever amazed at the vastness of our territory the great possibilities within our borders, and the need of youthful consecrated workers to enter the field, and possess it for the Master and missions.

The Secretary has been privileged to visit this part of the Branch during the past year, involving a journey of nearly 5000 miles.

The Conferences and Missions, five in number, over which Bishop Harris, one of the oldest, truest, warmest friends of our work presided, and greatly aided by his earnest endorsement and cordial introduction the Representative of the Society. Nine new auxiliaries were formed, others strengthened; over one hundred new subscribers to *Heathen Woman's Friend* secured, the *Zenana Paper Fund* increased, Leaflets in abundance distributed, and the responses to calls for help were prompt and cheerful.

One dear woman, who had come over the mountains, and through the valleys five hundred miles, not by rail in a Pullman Car, nor in an easy carriage, expended her last dollar to secure for herself and another the *Heathen Woman's Friend*, and was full of regret that she had no money for the cause, bethought her of a gold ring which she had worn seventeen years, given to her by her daughter. Taking it from her finger she said: Do you think it will sell for anything? If so take it and send the money to the poor heathen. She was a converted Catholic and had suffered much persecution for Christ's sake.—*She loves much.*

The reports of the Conference Secretaries show encouraging indications that the work is steadily growing in the hearts of our Methodist women and children.

#### GERMAN WORK.

We are still rejoicing in the work of our loved German Secretary, and its blessed results. Her work, extending over five Branches, renders it impossible for her to tarry among us but a little. If she could only spend more time with each Branch we should reap from the German Sisterhood more Golden Harvests.

We have experienced a great loss in the departure of our beloved *Treasurer* (Mrs. J. T. Harrison) to glory, April 3, 1886. Her sudden removal was a great shock to us all, and "smitten, stricken of God, and afflicted," we sat in the shadow of our deep grief "dumb with silence, for God did it." At our Second Quarterly Meeting we asked, as we looked at each other through tear dimmed eyes, Who will fill the vacant chair? And sang for our encouragement "The Lord Will Provide," then offered earnest and believing prayer to Jehovah Jireh. He heard and answered, the mantle of the ascended Treasurer fell on our beloved Sister, Wardwell Couch, her personal friend, who is acceptably discharging the duties of the office, so that though we still bow down submissively under our loss, we rejoice and praise God for our gain.

#### ZENANA PAPER FUND.

We have met our pledge for this fund. All our obligations are now met, and the \$250.00 will be put out to interest as soon as possible, making our total \$550.00.

#### HEATHEN WOMAN'S FRIEND.

Once more we have to record an advance in our Subscribers' list as we have each year:—

Last year the increase was.....	41
This year.....	206
Making our Total to Oct. 1.....	801

We coveted a subscription list of 1000, and still we press toward that mark, hoping to reach it next year, fully persuaded that in proportion as this valuable paper is read will the interest deepen and abide.

We are aiming to distribute carefully and constantly our valuable Leaflets, and prove ourselves worthy of the character given by Bishop Hurst "The Bureau of Missionary information," as well as make the women intelligent in the work.

We have forty-six Auxiliaries who use the Lesson Leaf, 2,616 pages come to our Branch monthly, and are a great help to our sisters,



Mrs. E. H. Miller's charming little books have been a great blessing to those who have read them, and helped greatly to increase our Zenana fund.

We hope this year to sell Miss Cushman's and Mrs. Clemens' books, and Dr. Thoburn's *Missionary Apprenticeship*, persuaded if we can only succeed in inducing the sisters to read there will be missionary enthusiasm.

Our Candidate, Miss M. F. Abrams, has been accepted, and is waiting to know her field of labor. We believe she is called of God to this work and will show herself a worker that needeth not to be ashamed.

We have been greatly encouraged by the letters received from the missionaries, assistants, scholars, and orphans under our care. Our hearts have been cheered and the zeal of the workers stimulated greatly.

*Singapore.* — The work assumed by this Branch has not yet been taken up, the needed missionaries not having been found. As soon as those called of God, and qualified shall be found, the "friend" in our Branch who pledged the needed sum, will be ready to supply. May that day be near at hand.

Our Annual Meeting at Anoka, Minnesota, was the best in our history. We were favored with the presence of Brother Blackstone, who gave his admirable lecture on the Missions of the world, and Dr. Thoburn was there, kindly and generously leaving larger and more inviting fields to aid the weakest of all the Branches.

We shall gratefully remember the visit of these dear brethren and reap fruit from the seed they sowed.

At our Annual Meeting, 1885, Mrs. Harrison remarked, as we rendered thanks for our financial status, "Ladies remember we have had a bequest last year of \$500, which we may not have this year." Mrs. Miller responded, "But we *may* have another and still larger." That beloved Treasurer was called to her reward six months after, and among her legacies of \$60,000. was found a bequest of \$5000, ten times larger than the one of previous year, though not at present available.

The year has had its deep sorrows and its abounding joys, its bright sunshine and its dark shadows, its bitter disappointments and its sweet encouragements. We have not made all the advance we hoped, but we are thankful for all that has been done, and hope to do better next year and every year, as each brings with it added opportunities, and responsibilities. Let us go down from this General Executive Committee, hearing the voice of the Master "Be strong and of a good courage, fear not nor be afraid, for the Lord thy God he it is that doth go with thee, he will not fail thee nor forsake thee."

#### REPORT OF TREASURER.

Balance on hand Oct. 1, 1885.....	\$1,305 86
Receipts for the year.....	5,193 10
Total.....	\$6,498 96

Disbursements.....	\$3,703 14
Balance on hand Oct. 1, 1886.....	\$2,795 82

## CONFERENCES AND MISSIONS.

Received of N. W. Branch for balance in Peking.....	\$165 04
Minnesota Conference.....	3,504 39
N. W. German Conference.....	640 72
Dakota                   “ .....	237 44
Columbia River       “ .....	165 66
Oregon                 “ .....	139 26
North Dakota Mission.....	125 90
Puget Sound Conference.....	31 70
Idaho                  “ .....	56 01
Montana Mission.....	126 98
Total.....	\$5,193 10

## TOPEKA BRANCH

Includes Kansas, Nebraska, Colorado, Wyoming Territory and California, with headquarters at Topeka.

## OFFICERS.

<i>President</i> .....	MRS. BISHOP NINDE .....	Topeka, Kas.
<i>Cor. Secretary</i> .....	“ H. E. M. PATTEE.....	Cherryvale, “
<i>Rec. Secretary</i> .....	“ M. M. TORRINGTON.....	Topeka, “
<i>Treasurer</i> .....	“ M. J. SHELLEY.....	Wymore, Neb.

## CONFERENCE SECRETARIES.

<i>Kansas</i> .....	MRS. M. A. WOOLGER .....	107 Tyler st., Topeka, Kas.
<i>South Kansas</i> .....	“ KATE M. RHODES.....	Chanute, “
<i>S. W. Kansas</i> .....	“ A. V. LOOSE.....	Peabody, “
<i>N. W. Kansas</i> .....	“ F. D. BAKER.....	Clyde, “
<i>Colorado</i> .....	“ O. L. FISHER.....	89 North 16th st., Denver, Col.
<i>Nebraska</i> .....	MISS TILLIE WATSON.....	
<i>North Nebraska</i> ...	MRS. E. G. FOWLER.....	Central City, Neb.
<i>West Nebraska</i> ....	“ REV. DELOS WILSON.....	Inman, Neb.
<i>West German</i> .....	MISS MARGARETHA DREYER.....	Armstrong, Kas.

As I bring my tender three-year-old into the presence of her elder sisters, who are blooming in all the dignity of seventeen years, I bespeak for the little one a kind consideration, and ask that you may not expect very much from one so inexperienced in the intricacies of this missionary world.

When, a year ago, I entered upon the duties of this responsible office, it was with much trembling of heart and self-depreciation; but, as humbly before God, I inquired "Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?" I heard echoing down the ages, "Go ye," for "Lo, I am with thee always." Thus, with Almighty strength to supplement my weakness, Divine wisdom given liberally, for the asking, and the abiding presence of the Holy Spirit; could I ask more?

The year has been filled with loving, happy toil, with service rendered in Jesus' name, and for the sake of immortal souls.

I have had the privilege of assisting in *four* Conference Anniversaries, *two* District Conventions and *eight* other public missionary meetings; and have spelled out at the point of my pen over one thousand letters and three hundred postal cards.

Notwithstanding drought and extreme heat, and consequent failure of crops — which means so much to all *financial* interests in our Western States—we are able to record a year of unusual prosperity. Our receipts exceeded those of last year, \$787.00.

Our stakes have been strengthened, our roots have taken a deeper hold. Oh, may we be, like "the tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth its fruit in its season," whose leaf doth not wither, and that prospereth in all that it doeth.

The year has been characterized by earnest, faithful work, on the part of Conference and District Secretaries, aided by the faithful, untiring officers and members of the Auxiliaries.

Our work in Kansas received a great impulse from the visit of Dr. Butler to our Conferences in March. He delivered inspiring addresses at the four Conference Anniversaries, as also at *seven* other points en route. Ottawa, South Kansas Conference, was favored with a flying visit, and an address from Miss Holbrook, on her way to San Francisco. She also visited the Colorado Conference, in session in Pueblo, and left her impress there. It is but seldom that our pioneer Branch is blessed with these privileges, which our Eastern and older Branches so frequently enjoy and profit from.

District Conventions have become an especial element of success in our work. There are thirty-three districts in the Branch, seventeen of which are organized into District Associations, which hold from one to two conventions annually. There have been twenty conventions held during the year; and we believe that much of our success is due to these gatherings of those who have "a mind to work."

There have been twenty-five new Auxiliaries organized during the year, and five comatose ones resuscitated. We have twenty-six Young Ladies' Societies, and fifteen Juvenile Societies — twenty-four of which have been organized during the year. This is a department of our work in which we are much interested; for we feel that our hope for the future lies in this element. We hope for much from those who begin thus early to carry out the Divine commission.

Nearly four hundred mite chests have been added to those already in use, and many a dollar finds its way into our treasury from this source. Our ambition is to reach a time when there shall be a mite chest in every Methodist family.

We are not able to report any increase in subscribers to the "Heathen Woman's Friend." I would that we could report a large increase. Ever since Miss Thoburn, before first sailing for India, sent me a copy of the first number published, it has made its monthly visits to my home; and I consider the file of its numbers, which I have carefully preserved, as among my choicest treasures. I wonder how any one can consent to do without the "Heathen Woman's Friend."

One hundred and seventy-five thousand pages of leaflets have been distributed, carrying with them inspiration and help wherever they have gone. We cannot have too many of them.

One thousand Branch Reports and four hundred of the Sixteenth Annual Report, have been sold and distributed. These, with quite a large amount of other missionary literature which has been sold, have scattered the seed pretty thickly through the Branch — from which we hope to reap a harvest of missionary intelligence and zeal in the future. \$115.90 has been added to the Zenana paper fund, and \$31.45 contributed to the Ann Wilkins memorial fund; making the entire amount contributed by our young Branch, \$7,843.48, which is an average of nearly \$2.00 per member.

Topeka Branch supports work in India, China, Japan, Korea, Bulgaria, South America and Mexico.

We have one lady in Lucknow, India, Miss Blackmar, and expect to assume the support of another who went from Colorado during the year, Miss Delia A. Fuller, who is now in Lucknow with Miss Blackmar. We support Miss Watson, in charge of the English department of our school in Tokio, Japan: and for three years have supported the medical work of Dr. Hamisfar in Hakodati.

As we review the work of the past year, studded thickly with discouragement and success, with heart-sinkings, and Divine enfoldings, and encouragement, we can at its close, sing with the saintly Havergal:

"I know how anxious thought can press,  
I know the weight of carefulness;  
But now I know the sweet reward  
Of casting all upon my Lord,  
No longer bearing what he bears,  
Because I know that Jesus cares.

## SUMMARY OF HOME WORK.

Auxiliaries.....		188
Members.....	14 increase,	4,262
Young Ladies' Societies.....	9    "	26
Members.....	437    "	884
Juvenile Societies.....	4    "	15
Members.....	87    "	237
Life Members.....	65    "	374
Honorary Managers .....	4    "	10
Life Patrons.....		1
Subscribers to "Heathen Woman's Friend".....		1,062
Conference Secretaries.....		9
Pages of Leaflets.....		175,000
Branch Annual Reports.....		1,000
W. F. M. S. Annual Reports.....		400
Mite Boxes, added this year.....		400

## SUMMARY OF FOREIGN WORK:

Missionaries.....	1 Medical,	3
Teachers.....		8
Bible Readers.....		7
Day Schools.....		4
Scholarships.....		35
Orphans... ..		32

## TREASURER'S REPORT.

Kansas Conference .....	\$1,603	90
South Kansas Conference.....	1,148	64
South West Kansas    " .....	1,030	54
North West Kansas    " .....	515	61
Nebraska                " .....	1,001	60
North Nebraska        " .....	163	32
West Nebraska         " .....	55	00
Colorado               " .....	1,273	20
Western German        " .....	539	60
Miscellaneous.....	94	72
Total.....	\$7,726	13

Balance from last year.....	317 84
Total.....	<u>\$8,043 97</u>
Disbursements.....	<u>7,374 61</u>
Balance.....	\$669 36





## HOME STATISTICS.

	Auxiliaries.	Increase.	Members.	Increase.	Life Members.	Increase.	Life Managers.	Increase.	Life Patrons.	Increase.	Mite Boxes.	Subscriptions to Heathen Women's Friend.	Receipts.	Increase.	Decrease.	Total Increase.
New England.....	500	8	12,405	1,582	1,036	90	40	2	12	....	1,570	2,894	\$ 23,003 67	.....	\$2,102 40	
New York.....	792	89	27,042	769	1,145	86	78	8	16	4	2,000	3,673	34,116 96	\$ 6,280 05	.....	
Philadelphia.....	389	19	11,395	.....	335	36	22	2	5	2	982	1,769	18,036 70	2,949 65	.....	
Baltimore.....	130	10	4,940	300	165	20	21	.....	.....	.....	.....	750	8,619 79	1,001 02	.....	
Cincinnati.....	700	60	13,000	500	1,240	150	78	11	11	...	3,000	2,251	25,085 10	1,981 11	.....	
Northwestern.....	857	....	20,001	1,001	2,556	375	64	11	5	.....	7,903	4,674	35,388 94	.....	989 38	
Des Moines.....	273	....	7,135	1,505	718	24	21	1	3	.....	500	1,124	9,838 46	254 41	.....	
Minneapolis.....	132	37	3,041	671	192	26	9	2	1	.....	.....	824	5,193 10	.....	229 01	
Topeka.....	188	....	4,202	14	374	65	10	4	9	.....	400	1,002	7,726 13	580 24	.....	
Total.....	3,961	296	103,419	6,342	7,761	872	343	41	62	6	16,318	19,021	\$167,098 85	\$13,046 48	\$3,410 79	\$9,635 29

## REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PUBLICATION.

WHEREAS, The *Heathen Woman's Friend* is an efficient instrument in the dissemination of missionary intelligence, therefore,

1. *Resolved*, That we express our hearty satisfaction in its editorial management, and recommend that Mrs. William F. Warren be continued as editor, with a salary of \$700 per year, and a sufficient amount to cover incidental expenses.

2. *Resolved*, That having examined the itemized accounts of the agent of the *Heathen Woman's Friend*, and having found them accurate and properly vouched for, we express our approval of the same, and recommend that Miss Pauline J. Walden be continued as agent, with a salary of \$700 per year, and a sufficient amount to cover incidental expenses.

3. *Resolved*, That the Executive Committee gratefully recognize the kind services of Mr. A. S. Weed, as auditor of the accounts of the *Heathen Woman's Friend*, and request a continuation of his services.

WHEREAS, We note with deep regret, a falling off in the circulation of the *Heathen Woman's Friend*, and we believe this is chiefly due to a lack of systematic effort on the part of the officers of auxiliaries, therefore,

4. *Resolved*, That we urge every auxiliary to make a careful and conscientious canvass for subscriptions during the coming year, as we deem the reading of this paper essential to an intelligent interest in our work.

WHEREAS, The experiment of the German *Heathen Woman's Friend* is a gratifying success in every respect, therefore,

5. *Resolved*, that the paper be continued, and its size doubled, without increase of price.

6. *Resolved*, That we recommend that Mrs. W. F. Warren be the editor, and Miss P. J. Walden the agent, of the German *Heathen Woman's Friend*.

7. *Resolved*, That in view of the valuable services of Miss Margaretha Dreyer in connection with the German Paper and German Leaflets, we recommend that remuneration to the amount of \$200 be given her this year from the proceeds of the *Heathen Woman's Friend*.

WHEREAS, We have examined the accounts of the Leaflet Committee and have found them correct and properly vouched for, and,

WHEREAS, We recognize the great value of the Leaflets to our work, therefore,

8. *Resolved*, That we hereby express our grateful appreciation of the judicious and faithful management of their publication.

9. *Resolved*, That Mrs. J. T. Gracey be requested to remain in charge of the publication of Leaflets, and that \$700 be appropriated from the surplus funds of the *Heathen Woman's Friend* for this purpose, and that \$400 additional be appropriated from the same source for clerical assistance.

10. *Resolved*, That we emphasize the continued need of Leaflets specially adapted for use in young ladies' societies and childrens' bands, and that we urge their publication in as great number and variety as possible.

11. *Resolved*, That we request the following persons to prepare a list of articles necessary for the outfit of out-going missionaries, to be printed in leaflet form by the Leaflet Committee, not for general distribution, but for the use of those specially interested. For India, Miss Thornburn; for South China, Mrs. Baldwin; for Japan and Korea, Mrs. Van Petten; for North China, Miss Yates; South America and Mexico, Mrs. Lore.

12. *Resolved*, That the constant and earnest demand for the German Leaflets justifies the publication of an increased number and variety.

13. *Resolved*, That in our judgment, the publication of the classified list of Leaflets in the *Friend* has been helpful to our workers, that we recommend its continuance to the consideration of the Leaflet Committee, and that the name and address of the Committee be retained in each issue of the *Friend*.

14. *Resolved*, That we request Mrs. J. T. Gracey to prepare supplemental chapters to her valuable book on Medical Missions and Missionaries, bringing it down to the present time, and that these chapters be printed in such form as to be sold, with the stock yet on hand, at a reduced price, until the present supply is exhausted.

WHEREAS, The uniform plan of study furnished for the columns of the *Heathen Woman's Friend*, by Mrs H. Benton, has proved a great help to our societies, therefore,

15. *Resolved*, That we request her to continue the favor for the coming year.

16. *Resolved*, That we recognize the value of the lesson leaves prepared by Mrs. S. A. Rulison Fish, as supplemental to Mrs. Benton's uniform plan of study, and that we recommend their use in our auxiliaries.

17. *Resolved*, That certificates of Life Membership, Honorary Managers, and Patrons, made during the coming year, be paid for out of the

surplus fund of the *Heathen Woman's Friend*, and furnished to those entitled to them free of charge.

18. *Resolved*, That we recommend that Article 7, Section 8, of By-Laws of W. F. M. S. be changed to read, "The traveling expenses of either the editor or agent of the *Heathen Woman's Friend* and of the editor of the leaflets, to and from the sessions of the General Executive Committee, shall be paid from the funds of the *Heathen Woman's Friend*."

19. *Resolved*, That this Executive Committee tender their hearty thanks to Mrs. B. R. Cowen, for the inestimable service rendered in the preparation of the Sixteenth Annual Report; we herewith express our sincere appreciation, and request that, with the assistance of Mrs. W. B. Davis, of Cincinnati, she publish the Seventeenth Annual Report; the expenses incurred to be defrayed from the surplus funds of the *Heathen Woman's Friend*.

20. *Resolved*, That the proceedings of this General Executive Committee meeting be published in the December number of the *Heathen Woman's Friend*, as heretofore, and that the reports of the Standing Committees, be published in the Seventeenth Annual Report.

MRS. E. A. B. HOAG, *Chairman*.

MRS. MARY M. TORRINGTON, *Secretary*.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MISSIONARY CANDIDATES.

1. Julia Bonafield, presented by the Cincinnati Branch, and passed two years ago. These two years have been spent in most profitable preparation at the Ohio Wesleyan University, and with such proof of fitness for the work as amply justifies the wisdom of her selection for the mission-field. As a matter of form her approval is re-affirmed.

2. Mary A. Hughes, presented by the New York Branch, is heartily approved, and recommended for appointment.

3. Anna Wallace, also presented by the New York Branch. The papers of this young lady, so far as received, are eminently satisfactory; but owing to some misunderstanding the requisite medical certificates are not presented. The case is therefore referred to the Reference Committee.

4. The same reasons compel us to so refer also the case of Izillah Ernsberger, presented by the Cincinnati Branch.

5. The case of Mrs. Clara B. Simpson, of California, whose application comes to us though the Parent Board, presents difficulties upon which the committee are not prepared to pass an opinion without further information. The case is therefore referred to the Committee of Reference for investigation.

6. Louise Schmidt, a student in the German Wallace College, at Berea, O., sends, through Miss Dreyer, testimonials and commendations, as well as the expression of her own desire to devote herself to mission-

ary work, which seem to justify her commendation to the care and oversight of the Missionary Committee of her Branch with a view to her presentation at some future time.

7. In the case of Alice Haslup, presented by the Baltimore Branch, the committee find the papers, so far as submitted, quite satisfactory, but not complete. At the request of the Branch the case is referred to them for further examination.

8. The New England Branch presents the testimonials of Edna G. Terry, M. D. They prove entirely satisfactory, and all questions are satisfactorily answered. The fact that she is house physician in the Homœopathic Hospital of Boston, is additional proof of her ability. The committee recommend her acceptance and appointment.

9. The testimonials of Laura Broughton, presented by the New York Branch, meet all requirements. Her acceptance and appointment are recommended.

10. The testimonials of Mary A. Vance, of Des Moines Branch, have been examined, and found satisfactory. She is therefore recommended for appointment.

11. Miss E. R. Hinckle, of Philadelphia Branch, has taught nearly ten years,—one year in a normal school. Her papers are entirely satisfactory. Having already been before the Reference Committee, we heartily approve her acceptance and appointment.

12. Minnie F. Abrams, of Minneapolis Branch, has presented satisfactory testimonials to the Reference Committee. Having examined these testimonials, and finding them satisfactory, we recommend her appointment.

13. WHEREAS, A misunderstanding of Section 4, Requirements of Missionary Candidates, seems to have given rise to the impression, at home and abroad, that five years of continuous service is all that is expected of our workers before they return to this country; therefore,

*Resolved*, That we call attention to the fact that the five years' agreement relates solely to service as a single woman, the engagement being for the effective years of life.

In order to prevent misunderstanding in the future, we recommend the following amendments:—

1. In paragraph 12, Instructions to Missionaries, being the contract signed by corresponding secretaries, that the last two clauses, reading, "If she expresses her intention to return to foreign missionary work," etc., be altered to read, "*In case her relations to the Society are harmonious*, her salary for the first year at the rate of \$350, or if it be inexpedient for her to return, at the rate of \$300."

2. That Section 4, of Requirements of Missionary Candidates reading, "She must declare her intention to make foreign missionary work the service of her effective years, and agree to give at least five

years of continuous service as a single woman," etc., be altered so as to read, "at least five years of continuous service to the work of the W. F. M. S., unless prevented by ill health. This is not to be understood in the sense that the obligation to remain in the field ceases at five years, but that her obligation to refund passage and outfit money is binding for that length of time.

MRS. S. L. BALDWIN, *Chairman.*

MRS. E. H. MILLER, *Secretary.*

### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

1. *Resolved*, That we use our utmost endeavor in our various Branches to raise \$5,000 for the Calcutta girls' school, in addition to the amount already pledged.

2. *Resolved*, That the traveling expenses of the delegates to the General Executive Committee be paid out of the proceeds of the "Heathen Woman's Friend," provided the subscription list is increased to 22,000 during the coming year.

Resolutions of thanks to Rev. Mr. Siberts, of Puebla, for the painstaking care given to the new building in Puebla, and to Rev. Dr. Trimble, for his kind assistance in investing a large part of the Zenana fund were passed. Appropriations and appointments will appear in another place.

### MISCELLANEOUS RESOLUTIONS.

*Whereas*, We hold that the Holy Spirit is the final, immediate, and only effectual power of stirring human hearts, and that faithful prayer "moves the Arm that moves the world," and feeling our need as never before, therefore,

*Resolved*, That this General Executive Committee recommend that during the coming year, at nine o'clock each morning, we pray for the prosperity of every Auxiliary throughout our whole land; for the lonely bands of Missionaries who hold up the standard of the Cross; for the opening of Christian hearts to pour the gold and silver into the Lord's treasury; and that the Lord of the harvest will call into the whitening fields great numbers of talented, self-sacrificing young women, so that His kingdom may speedily come, and His will be done on earth as in Heaven.

The offer of Dr. Tourjée to give all the advantages of the New England Conservatory to Missionary students free of charge, was the occasion of the following:

*Whereas*, We gratefully appreciate all helps to the thorough equipment of our Missionaries for work in the foreign field, and also recognize the great power that a knowledge of music will add to that preparation; therefore,



*Resolved*, That the General Executive Committee most thankfully receive the generous offer of Dr. Tourjée, of the New England Conservatory, and will gladly, so far as in their power, avail themselves of the advantages so freely offered, bringing the facts before the Branch organizations.

*Whereas*, The General Executive Committee of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society has heard, through Mrs. Chandler, of the liberality of Rev. Stephen Merritt, in removing, free of charge, the remains of Ann Wilkins :

*Resolved*, That we extend to him our grateful acknowledgments, and pray the Divine blessing may follow him as he ever goes about doing good.

*Whereas*, The General Executive Committee learn, through their Committee, of the donation of a lot in Maple Lawn Cemetery,

*Resolved*, That we accept with gratitude the lot, and hereby express our thanks to the trustees for their generous gift.

The erection of a monument was left in the hands of Mrs. Chandler, limiting the expenditure to \$500.

*Whereas*, Tidings have come to us in the midst of our deliberations, of the death of that most faithful and honored veteran in the missionary service, Miss Beulah Woolston, therefore,

*Resolved*, That we recognize in the sisters Woolston, the pioneers of that distinctive work for women in the mission-field of our Church which is now its crowning glory; that we believe, chiefly to the consistent beauty of their lives, the faithfulness of their labors, their spirit of self-sacrifice in the service of their Master, are due the solidity and success of our work in Foochow. They laid the foundations; others have entered into their labors.

*Resolved*, That we hereby offer to the surviving sister our tenderest sympathy, with this expression of our high appreciation of the life and work of Miss Beulah Woolston.

MRS. S. L. BALDWIN.

MISS I. HART.

PLAN OF UNIFORM STUDIES FOR 1886-1887,

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*January* — The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society: its home and foreign side.

*February* — Brahmanism.

*March* — Buddhism.

*April* — Shintoism.

*May* — Ancestral Worship: Confucianism, Taoism.

*June* — Mohammedanism.

*July* — Nature Worship.

*August* — Romanism.

*September* — Greek Church.

*October* — "Wanted, a woman's hand."

*November* — Schools and Orphanages.

*December* — Medical Work.

## APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1886-7 BY BRANCHES.

## NEW ENGLAND BRANCH.

*India.*

<i>Pithoragarh</i> , Mrs. Grant's salary	\$ 288 00
Salary of assistant.....	216 00
Four plowmen.....	96 00
<i>Naini Tal</i> , Miss Knowles' salary	650 00
<i>Bijnour</i> , boarding-school.....	96 00
City schools.....	104 00
Bible-readers.....	240 00
Conveyance.....	170 00
District work.....	264 00
<i>Najibabad</i> , zenana work.....	168 00
<i>Mandaur</i> , zenana work.....	160 00
<i>Moradabad</i> , boarding-school.....	720 00
Miss M. J. Seymour's salary ..	264 00
Matron.....	96 00
School inspectress.....	38 40
Zenana, mohulla, and village work.....	200 00
City schools.....	320 00
Repairs on Home.....	40 00
<i>Gondah</i> , building for Home.....	250 00
<i>Barilly</i> , girls in orphanage....	306 00
Dr. M. Christianity's salary....	650 00
Medical work.....	240 00
Medicines and incidentals....	360 00
<i>Lucknow</i> , Miss Fuller's salary ..	650 00
<i>Roy Barilly</i> , Bible-readers.....	203 20
Schools.....	151 20
Conveyance.....	80 00
<i>Amroha district</i> , Bible-women, schools, and teachers.....	871 20
Total for India.....	\$7,892 00

*China.*

<i>Peking</i> , salary and incidentals of Miss Cushman.....	\$ 750 00
Boarding-school, current expenses.....	600 00
Coolie.....	50 00
Matron.....	40 00
Chinese day-school.....	75 00
Local traveling expenses.....	25 00
Re-building, on account of sewer.....	240 00
<i>Tientsin</i> , salary and incidentals of Miss Green.....	750 00
Personal teacher of Miss Green	120 00
Matron.....	50 00
Dispensary assistant.....	50 00
Watchman.....	50 00
Coolie.....	60 00
<i>Tsun Hua</i> , lady to be sent.....	1,500 00
	\$4,360 00
<i>Central China</i> .— <i>Chin Kiang</i> , finishing Home.....	250 00
<i>Wuhu</i> , six scholarships.....	150 00
	\$400 00
<i>Foochow</i> , lady to be sent.....	1,500 00
Yeng Ping, two schools.....	100 00
	\$1,600 00
Total for China.....	\$6,360 00

*Japan.*

<i>Tokio</i> , eight scholarships.....	\$ 320 00
Native teacher.....	125 00
Painting entire building.....	240 00
New building.....	500 00
<i>Hakodati</i> , six scholarships.....	240 00
Native teacher.....	160 00
<i>Nagasaki</i> , six scholarships.....	240 00
<i>Yokohama</i> , salary and incidentals of Miss Rulofson.....	750 00
Personal teacher of Miss Rulofson.....	120 00
Bible-women.....	280 00
Japanese assistant.....	150 00
Day-school at Furocho.....	300 00
Repairs on Memorial Home...	100 00
Insurance and ground rent...	85 00
Total for Japan.....	\$3,610 00

*Korea.*

One-half of salary and incidentals of Mrs. Scranton....	\$ 375 00
Personal teacher.....	80 00
Three scholarships.....	120 00
Native teacher and steward...	100 00
Fuel for school-room.....	275 00
Servants.....	80 00
Hospital, stove and fuel.....	100 00
Total for Korea.....	\$1,130 00

*Italy.*

<i>Venice</i> , Bible-woman, Miss Gay.	\$ 240 00
	\$240 00

*Bulgaria.*

<i>Loftcha</i> , three scholarships.....	\$ 120 00
Housekeeper.....	100 00
School furniture.....	150 00
Total for Bulgaria .....	\$370 00

*South America.*

<i>Rosario</i> , salary and incidentals of Miss Chapin.....	\$ 750 00
Gratuitous education.....	250 00
Repairs and taxes.....	150 00
<i>Buenos Ayres</i> , assistants.....	100 00
Second school.....	150 00
<i>Montevideo</i> , assistants (conditional).....	300 00
Total for South America	\$1,700 00

*Mexico.*

<i>Mexico City</i> , three orphans.....	\$ 210 00
School-books and stationery..	200 00
Bible-woman and supplies...	100 00
<i>Miraflores</i> , salary of first assistant.....	200 00
Salary of second assistant ...	125 00
Sewing-teacher.....	125 00
School supplies.....	150 00
Building.....	50 00
<i>Guajuato</i> , lady to be sent....	1,200 00

Porter, and water supply.....	156 00
Expenses to conference.....	40 00
<i>Pachuca</i> , assistants.....	600 00
<i>Puebla</i> , building.....	250 00
Building, and interest on Mexican Home.....	1,328 00
<i>Tetela</i> , general work.....	255 00

Total for Mexico..... \$4,989 00

Total.....\$26,291 00

Provisional.....1,000 00

Grand total.....\$27,291 00

## NEW YORK BRANCH.

### India.

<i>Pithoragarh</i> , Miss Budden's salary.....	\$ 650 00
Girl's boarding-school.....	60 00
Village work.....	168 00
Repairs.....	120 00
Munshi.....	24 00
<i>Moradabad</i> , girl's boarding-school.....	50 00
Zenana, mohulla, and village work.....	200 00
<i>Bareilly</i> , Miss English's salary..	650 00
Orphanage expenses.....	1,400 00
Zenana conveyance.....	160 00
Miss Downey's salary.....	650 00
First assistant.....	216 00
Bible-readers.....	228 00
City girl's school.....	320 00
<i>Agra</i> , students.....	240 00
Rent of Home.....	480 00
<i>Faredpore</i> , school and bible-reader.....	72 00
<i>Bisalpure</i> .....	72 00
<i>Baheri</i> .....	48 00
<i>Khera Bajhera</i> .....	72 00
<i>Aonla</i> .....	144 00
<i>Fatehgunj</i> , school and bible-reader.....	180 00
<i>Philibit</i> .....	140 00
<i>Budaon</i> , Mrs. Butterfield's salary.....	144 00
Bible-readers.....	190 00
<i>Kakrauli</i> , school and bible-reader.....	48 00
Bisouli, school and zenana work.....	96 00
Bilsi.....	80 00
<i>Lucknow</i> , third assistant.....	216 00
Bible-readers.....	200 00
Conveyance.....	100 00
Scholarships.....	50 00
College class.....	240 00
<i>Unao</i> , schools and bible-reader..	280 00
<i>Ellenpore</i> , schools and bible-reader and medicine.....	129 00
<i>Hurdai</i> , schools and bible-reader	242 00
<i>Gondah</i> , building.....	1,300 00
	\$9,659 00

### South India.

<i>Bombay</i> , Miss Wright's salary..	\$ 243 00
Pundit.....	25 00
Conveyance.....	100 00
<i>Calcutta</i> , girls' school.....	100 00

<i>Madras</i> , house rent.....	200 00
Furniture.....	200 00

Total.....\$868 00

Total for India.....\$10,527 00

### North China.

<i>Peking</i> , Mrs. Jewell's salary..	\$ 600 00
Incidentals.....	150 00
Teacher.....	75 00
Bible-woman.....	50 00
Girls' boarding-school.....	150 00
Rebuilding.....	240 00
<i>Tsun Hua</i> , bible-woman.....	50 00
Lady to be sent.....	1,500 00
Conference traveling expenses	100 00
<i>Tientsin</i> , day-school.....	50 00
Bible-reader.....	50 00

Total.....\$3,015 00

<i>Foochow</i> , S. M. Pray, M.D., salary.....	\$ 600 00
Incidentals.....	150 00
Teacher.....	72 00
Hospital expenses.....	400 00
Enlarging building.....	2,000 00

### Central China.

<i>Chin Kiang</i> , Miss Hoag, M.D., salary.....	\$ 600 00
Incidentals.....	150 00
School.....	525 00
Incidentals.....	26 00
Insurance and taxes.....	50 00
Orphans.....	100 00
Dispensary.....	250 00
Building.....	1,250 00
<i>Wuhu</i> , school.....	75 00
<i>Nanking</i> , a lady to be sent.....	1,500 00

Total.....\$7,748 00

Total for China.....\$10,763 00

### Japan.

<i>Tokio</i> , Miss Atkinson's salary..	\$ 600 00
Incidentals.....	150 00
Miss Kaulback's salary.....	600 00
Incidentals.....	150 00
Two teachers.....	120 00
Nine scholarships.....	360 00
Native teachers.....	125 00
Day-school at Tamachi.....	180 00
Day-school at Fukagawa.....	175 00
Bible-reader.....	60 00
Building.....	1,000 00
<i>Nagasaki</i> , Miss Gheer's salary..	600 00
Incidentals.....	150 00
Miss Smith's salary.....	600 00
Incidentals.....	150 00
Scholarships.....	640 00
<i>Fukuoka</i> , scholarships.....	240 00
Two teachers.....	120 00
Insurance.....	159 00
Repairs.....	100 00
Conference expenses.....	50 00
Rent.....	120 00
O Fole San.....	30 00
Itinerating, Miss Gheer and B. W.....	100 00

<i>Hakodati</i> , Miss Hampton's salary and incidentals.....	750 00
Teacher.....	100 00
Insurance.....	175 00
Land rent.....	108 00
Hirosala school.....	200 00
Thirteen scholarships.....	520 00
Conference expenses.....	40 00

Total for Japan..... \$8,472 00

#### *Korea.*

Mrs. Scranton's salary.....	\$ 375 00
Four scholarships.....	140 00
Stoves and blankets.....	100 00
Janitor.....	40 00
Traveling expenses.....	25 00
Hospital expenses.....	100 00

Total for Korea..... \$780 00

#### *Bulgaria.*

<i>Loftcha</i> , five scholarships.....	\$ 200 00
<i>Rustchuk</i> , school.....	120 00
<i>Clara Klor</i> , bible-work.....	350 00

Total for Bulgaria..... \$670 00

#### *Italy.*

Mrs. Biondi, Pontedera.....	\$ 192 00
Mrs. Stazi, Milan.....	240 00
Mrs. Conti, Naples.....	120 00
Itinerating expenses and mothers' meetings.....	300 00
Miss Hall, traveling expenses.....	200 00

Total for Italy..... \$1,052 00

#### *South America.*

<i>Buenos Ayres</i> , school.....	\$ 200 00
<i>Montevideo</i> , assistants.....	600 00

Total for South America..... \$800 00

#### *Mexico.*

<i>Mexico City</i> , Miss Le Huray's salary and incidentals.....	\$ 750 00
Music teacher.....	80 00
Scholarships.....	720 00
Conference expenses.....	25 00
<i>Pachuca</i> , Miss Hastings' salary and incidentals.....	750 00
Water supply.....	12 00
Conference expenses.....	25 00
Bible-reader.....	60 00
Supplies.....	40 00
<i>Miraflores</i> , building.....	50 00
<i>Puebla</i> , scholarships.....	120 00
<i>Queretaro</i> , Miss Ruiz, salary.....	300 00
Rent of school.....	100 00
Supplies.....	50 00
Postage and wages.....	28 00
Bible-woman.....	60 00
Supplies.....	40 00
<i>Orizaba</i> , Bible-woman.....	60 00
Supplies.....	40 00
<i>Mexico City</i> , building.....	1,500 00

Total for Mexico..... \$4,810 00

Provisional..... 2,000 00

Grand total.....\$39,874 00

### PHILADELPHIA BRANCH.

#### *India.*

<i>Pauri</i> , Bible-reader.....	\$ 36 00
Five village-schools.....	148 80
Salary, Miss Thornton.....	240 00
Orphanage and boarding-school.....	177 00
Repairs.....	80 00
<i>Bijnour</i> , boarding-school.....	72 00
Salary, Mrs. Worthington.....	264 00
Munshi, Mrs. Worthington.....	24 00
<i>Moradabad</i> , salary, Dr. McDowell.....	650 00
Rent and medicines.....	206 40
<i>Bareilly</i> , salary, Miss Lauck.....	650 00
Orphanage.....	400 00
<i>Lucknow</i> , salary, Mrs. Hunt.....	336 00
City schools.....	320 00
Inspectress.....	72 00
Conveyance.....	80 00
Itinerating, Mrs. Johnson.....	30 00
<i>Cawnpore</i> , Bible-readers.....	106 40
Conveyances.....	200 00
City girls' schools.....	320 00
Salary, Miss Kyle.....	650 00
<i>Gondah</i> , toward building.....	250 00
Assistants.....	216 00
Books.....	16 00
<i>Balrampur</i> , Bible-reader.....	48 00
School.....	38 40
<i>Ajudhiya</i> , Bible-reader.....	58 00
School.....	44 00

Total for North India.... \$5,732 00

#### *South India.*

<i>Bombay</i> , Salary, Miss Shewanti Bai Power.....	\$ 264 00
Pundit.....	15 00
Conveyance.....	100 00
	\$379 00

Total for India..... \$6,111 00

#### *China.*

<i>Foochow</i> , trained nurse to be sent.....	\$1,500 00
<i>West China</i> , lady to be sent....	1,500 00
<i>West China</i> , orphans.....	50 00
<i>Central China</i> .— <i>Chin Kiang</i> , scholarship.....	25 00
Building.....	250 00
<i>Wuhu</i> , scholarships.....	60 00
Fuel and stoves.....	65 00

Total for China..... \$3,450 00

#### *Japan.*

<i>Tokio</i> , scholarships.....	\$ 440 00
Insurance.....	240 00
Traveling expenses, Itinerating.....	250 00
Asakusa day-school.....	125 00
Salary, Miss Spencer.....	600 00
Incidentals.....	150 00

Personal teacher.....	100 00
Bible-woman.....	60 00
Toward new building.....	1,500 00
Rent for new school.....	600 00
<i>Nagasaki</i> , scholarships.....	200 00
<i>Fukuoka</i> , Bible-woman O Massa	24 00
<i>Hakodati</i> , salary, Miss Hewett..	600 00
Incidentals.....	150 00
Personal teacher.....	100 00
Scholarships.....	360 00
Fuel and lights.....	258 00
Matron.....	120 00
Bible-woman with Mrs. Green	60 00
Bible-woman, traveling, rent,	
etc.....	90 00
Travel to conference.....	40 00

Total for Japan..... \$8,067 00

#### *Korea.*

Support of girls.....	\$ 120 00
Furniture for dining-room....	35 00
Hospital attendants.....	100 00

Total for Korea..... \$255 00

#### *Italy.*

<i>Milan</i> , Bible-woman, Mrs. Com-	
pari.....	\$ 144 00
<i>Modena</i> , Bible-woman, Mrs. Cru-	
ciani.....	240 00
Tracts, etc.....	50 00

Total for Italy..... \$434 00

#### *Bulgaria.*

<i>Loftcha</i> , scholarships.....	\$ 80 00
<i>Sistof</i> , primary school.....	130 00
<i>Orchania</i> , school 50, bible-work 50	100 00

Total for Bulgaria..... \$310 00

#### *Mexico.*

<i>Mexico City</i> , treasurer's expenses	\$30 00
Salary, Miss Loyd.....	600 00
Incidentals.....	150 00
Salary and passage of matron.	800 00
Travel to conference.....	25 00
Toward new property.....	1,500 00
<i>Miraflores</i> , addition to building..	50 00
<i>Puebla</i> , Bible-woman and sup-	
plies.....	100 00
To complete payment for prop-	
erty.....	250 00
<i>Guanajuato</i> , music teacher.....	100 00
School furniture and supplies.	150 00
Rent of house.....	250 00
<i>Tetela</i> , work.....	255 00
	\$4,260 00
Provisional.....	613 00

Grand total..... \$21,500 00

### BALTIMORE BRANCH.

#### *India.*

<i>Pauri</i> , Mrs. Whitby's salary....	\$ 288 00
Itinerating.....	67 00
Bible-readers.....	38 00
<i>Dwarahat</i> , pupils.....	134 00

Village-schools.....	96 00
Repairs.....	20 00
Furniture and munshi.....	44 00
Miss Boyd's salary.....	168 00
<i>Naini Tal</i> , assistant.....	288 00
Conveyance.....	75 00
Two schools.....	160 00
Assistants, rent.....	144 00
<i>Moradabad</i> , school.....	180 00
Miss Seymour's salary.....	264 00
Miss Seymour's conveyance..	80 00
Medical assistants.....	155 00
<i>Bareilly</i> , orphanage.....	150 00
Third assistant.....	216 00
Bible-woman.....	60 00
<i>Gondah</i> , toward building.....	250 00
<i>Cawnpore</i> , Bible-woman.....	60 00
<i>Nawab Gunge</i> , Bible-reader and	
schools.....	81 00
Lady to be sent.....	1,200 00

\$4,219 00

#### *South India.*

<i>Calcutta</i> , Miss Layton's return	
passage.....	\$ 500 00
<i>Madras</i> , Miss Grace Stephens...	240 00
Conveyance.....	75 00

\$815 00

Total for India..... \$5,034 00

#### *China.*

<i>Foochow</i> , salary of Miss Fisher. \$	600 00
Incidentals.....	150 00
Teachers.....	73 00
Boarding-school.....	200 00
Ku Cheng day-schools.....	300 00
City hospital.....	1,000 00
Hospital expenses.....	400 00
Deaconess.....	36 00
Four medical students..	100 00

\$2,858 00

#### *North China.*

Repairs on Tientsin hospital..	\$500 00
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#### *West China.*

Orphans.....	\$75 00
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Grand total for China.... \$3,433 00

#### *Japan.*

<i>Tokio</i> , six scholars.....	\$240 00
Kanda, day-school.....	150 00
Toward school.....	250 00
<i>Yokohama</i> , Bible-woman.....	80 00
<i>Nagasaki</i> , Miss Everding's sal-	
ary.....	600 00
Incidentals.....	150 00
Teacher.....	60 00
Scholarships.....	200 00
Mrs. Bishop's Bible-woman..	75 00
Miss Gheer's Bible woman,	
<i>Fukuoka</i> .....	54 00

Total for Japan..... \$1,859 00



*Mexico.*

Toward building.....	\$500 00
Interest on loan.....	123 00
Orphans.....	140 00
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	\$768 00
<i>Italy</i> .....	192 00
<i>Korea</i> , patients in hospital.....	300 00
Grand total.....	\$12,000 00

## CINCINNATI BRANCH.

\* *North India.*

<i>Bijnour</i> , scholars 108, munshi 24 \$	132 00
<i>Moradabad</i> , scholars.....	120 00
<i>Bareilly</i> , orphanage.....	300 00
<i>Shahjehanpore</i> , assistants 240, munshi 24.....	264 00
Zenana work.....	216 00
Girls' school.....	320 00
Conveyance.....	160 00
<i>Tilhur</i> .....	80 00
<i>Pawayan</i> .....	80 00
<i>Jalalabad</i> .....	100 00
<i>Lucknow</i> , Bible-readers.....	200 00
Scholarships.....	72 00
Conveyance.....	100 00
Repairs.....	180 00
Miss De Vine.....	650 00
Miss Mansell.....	650 00
College class.....	240 00
<i>Barabanki</i> .....	320 00
<i>Seetapore</i> , Bible-readers.....	537 00
Schools.....	320 00
Miss Roberts.....	288 00
Conveyances.....	204 00
Itinerating 20, tent 50.....	70 00
Miss Gilbert 120, teachers 144..	264 00
B. school 216, repairs 30.....	246 00
<i>Cawnpore</i> , Miss Reed.....	650 00
Repairs, tax.....	140 00
Miss Miller.....	650 00
Miss Nickerson's return pas- sage.....	400 00
Home salary of three ladies..	1,050 00
<i>Gondah</i> .....	500 00

Total for N. India..... \$9,499 00

*South India.*

<i>Bombay</i> , rent.....	\$ 100 00
<i>Burmah</i> , schools.....	200 00
<i>Poona</i> .....	250 00
<i>Calcutta</i> , Bible-women.....	100 00
Total for S. India.....	\$650 00
Total for India.....	10,149 00

*North China.*

<i>Peking</i> , Miss Sears.....	\$ 600 00
Incidentals 150, teachers 75....	225 00
Scholarships.....	150 00
Rebuilding sewer, etc.....	240 00
Watchmen.....	54 00
Contingent.....	600 00
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	\$1,869 00

*Central China.*

Chin Kiang building.....	\$500 00
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*Foochow.*

Miss Jewell.....	\$ 600 00
Teacher, incidentals.....	222 00
Women's school 200, girls' school 200.....	400 00
Gate-keeper, repairs.....	192 00
Medical students.....	75 00
Painting, insurance.....	82 00
<i>Hing Hwa</i> , six day-schools.....	300 00
Woman's school.....	450 00

Total for China..... \$4,890 00

*Japan.*

<i>Tokio</i> , scholarships.....	\$ 200 00
Repairs.....	150 00
<i>Yokohama</i> , Miss Holbrook.....	600 00
Teacher, incidentals.....	250 00
Bible-woman, scholarships....	80 00
<i>Nagasaki</i> , Misses Russell and Elliott.....	1,200 00
Expenses of work.....	300 00
Teachers.....	120 00
Ground rent.....	276 00
Scholarships.....	600 00
Repairs.....	100 00
Expenses to conference.....	50 00
Miss Russell's return.....	450 00
<i>Hakodati</i> , scholarships, repairs.	320 00

Total for Japan..... \$4,696 00

*Korea.*

Salary and passage of teacher..	\$1,500 00
Current expenses.....	150 00

Total for Korea..... \$1,650 00

*Italy.*

Bible women:	
<i>Perugia</i> .....	\$144 00
<i>Turin</i> .....	120 00
Books and tracts.....	50 00
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	\$314 00

*Mexico.*

<i>Mexico City</i> , Teachers.....	\$450 00
Porter and janitor.....	200 00
Miss Ayers' salary, etc.....	850 00
Scholarships.....	210 00
<i>Puebla</i> , Miss Warner.....	600 00
Incidentals.....	150 00
Miss Orcillez.....	450 00
Music teacher.....	150 00
Porter.....	150 00
Tax and water supply.....	75 00
Beds, \$100; scholarships, \$120	220 00
<i>Orizaba</i> , School, rent, etc.....	649 00
<i>Ayizaca</i> , School, teacher, and supplies.....	535 00
Mexico debt.....	1,100 00
<i>Puebla</i> .....	1,000 00
Interest.....	128 00
Total for Mexico.....	\$6,917 00
Provisional.....	684 00
Total for branch.....	\$29,100 00

## NORTH-WESTERN BRANCH.

*North India.*

<i>Pauri</i> , Orphans and boarding-school.....	102 00
<i>Pithoragarh</i> , Farm manager....	48 00
Boarding-school and scholar-ships.....	126 00
<i>Dwarahat</i> , Scholarships.....	134 00
Two teachers.....	62 00
Matron.....	24 00
Mrs. Waugh's itinerating.....	80 00
<i>Bhabar</i> , Zenana and schools....	139 00
<i>Bijnour</i> , Scholarships.....	300 00
Repairs.....	120 00
Matron.....	60 00
<i>Moradabad</i> , Scholarships.....	220 00
Salary of assistant.....	240 00
Repairs.....	80 00
Itinerating.....	40 00
<i>Chandausi</i> , Schools and zenana work.....	200 00
<i>Bareilly</i> , Orphans.....	210 00
Munshi.....	48 00
<i>Panapore</i> , work.....	120 00
<i>Budaon</i> , Scholarships.....	60 00
Assistant.....	240 00
Munshi.....	24 00
Conveyance.....	140 00
Itinerating.....	40 09
Munshi.....	24 00
Medicines.....	40 00
Repairs.....	160 00
<i>Lucknow</i> , Second assistant.....	240 00
High-school assistant.....	288 00
Scholarship.....	24 00
Salary of Miss Rowe.....	336 00
Itinerating.....	40 00
<i>Cawnpore</i> , First zenana assistant	240 00
Second zenana assistant.....	216 00
Munshi.....	72 00
<i>Naini Tal</i> , Building.....	400 00

Total for North India... \$4,937 00

*South India.*

<i>Bombay</i> , Salary of Miss De Line.	\$650 00
Miss Sunder Bai Power.....	240 00
Miss De Line's pundit.....	50 00
Miss Tracy's salary.....	240 00
Miss Tracy's pundit.....	25 00
House-rent.....	600 00
<i>Calcutta</i> , Bengali girls' school...	160 00

\$1,965 00

Total for India..... 6,902 00

*North China.*

<i>Peking</i> , Boarding-school.....	\$100 00
Repairs and postage.....	100 00
<i>Tientsin</i> , Salary of Dr. Gloss..	600 00
Incidentals.....	150 00
Personal teacher.....	120 00
Two gatekeepers.....	100 00
Current expenses.....	400 00
Conveyance.....	25 00
Repairs on house, and postage	100 00
West China orphans.....	50 00
Miss Howe's salary.....	600 00
Incidentals.....	150 00
Personal teacher.....	84 00

Miss Wheeler's return to China	600 00
Miss Wheeler's salary.....	350 00

\$3,529 00

*Chin Kiang*, salary of Miss Rob-

inson.....	600 00
Incidentals.....	150 00
Building.....	500 00
Orphans.....	50 00
Dispensary.....	250 00
Watchman.....	48 00
Repairs on Kiu Kiang property	40 00
Nanking Building.....	3,500 00
Lady to be sent.....	1,500 00
Personal teacher.....	100 00
<i>Wuhu</i> , Teacher.....	60 00
Nurses.....	72 00
Servants.....	144 00
Clothing.....	100 00
<i>Foochow</i> , Salary of Dr. Corey..	600 00
Incidentals.....	150 00
Personal teacher.....	100 00
Hospital expenses.....	400 00
Watchman for school.....	42 00
Repairs.....	150 00
Insurance.....	25 00
Watchman for hospital.....	42 00
Scholars, Boarding-school....	300 00
<i>Foochow</i> District, six schools,	300 00
<i>Ing Chung</i> , Women's schools...	250 00
Traveling & general expenses.	120 00
Treasurer's expenses.....	10 00
<i>Foochow</i> , Hospital building....	1,000 00

\$3,489 00

Total for China..... \$14,132 00

*Japan.*

<i>Tokio</i> , Scholarships.....	\$680 00
Native teachers.....	400 00
Ground-rent.....	295 00
Tracts and papers.....	50 00
<i>Yokohama</i> , Mrs. Van Petten's Home Salary.....	350 00
Return.....	450 00
Scholarships of four Bible-women.....	160 00
Traveling expenses.....	150 00
Kanagawa school.....	300 00
Tracts and papers.....	75 00
Nogeyama School.....	200 00
<i>Nagasaki</i> , Scholarships.....	200 00
<i>Fukuoka</i> , Land, house, and furniture.....	4,000 00
<i>Hakodati</i> , Scholarships.....	280 00
Native teacher.....	150 00

\$7,740 00

*Korea.*

Land and buildings.....	\$3,000 00
Matron.....	40 00
Gateman and watchman.....	72 00
Sending a medical lady.....	1,500 00
Medical outfit.....	500 00

\$5,112 00

*Italy.*

<i>Rome</i> , salary of Miss Hall.....	\$ 600 00
Incidentals.....	150 00

Teacher.....	100 00
House-rent.....	264 00
Tracts.....	50 00
<i>Bologna</i> , salary of Mrs. Fabroni and Mrs. Polsinelli.....	240 00
	<hr/> \$1,404 00

*Bulgaria.*

<i>Loftcha</i> , salary of Miss Schenck \$	600 00
Incidentals.....	150 00
Scholarships.....	240 00
Furniture.....	100 00
Postage.....	5 00
	<hr/> \$1,095 00

*South America.*

<i>Rosario</i> , salary of Miss Denning \$	600 00
Incidentals.....	150 00
Assistant teachers.....	350 00
Gratuitous education.....	100 00
Furniture.....	250 00
<i>Buenos Ayres</i> , salary of Miss Jenkins.....	750 00
Outfit and passage.....	550 00
Furniture.....	100 00
Rent.....	460 00
Assistants.....	200 00
Taxes.....	60 00
Second school.....	200 00
	<hr/> \$3,770 00

*Mexico.*

<i>Mexico City</i> , property.....	\$1,100 00
Interest on property.....	128 00
Salary of primary teacher.....	480 00
Water tax and repairs.....	150 00
Scholarships.....	420 00
Physicians and medicine.....	135 00
Beds and bedding.....	80 00
<i>Pachuca</i> , two teachers.....	\$ 420 00
School supplies.....	100 00
Porter.....	130 00
Repairs, and care of garden...	135 00
<i>Puebla</i> , salary of Miss Hewett..	600 00
Incidentals.....	150 00
Teacher.....	200 00
Personal teacher.....	100 00
Property.....	800 00
	<hr/> \$5,128 00

Grand total..... 46,000 00

## DES MOINES BRANCH.

*India.*

<i>Pauri</i> , six orphans.....	\$ 50 00
Medical work.....	40 00
<i>Pithoragarh</i> , school matron.....	48 00
<i>Moradabad</i> , three scholars.....	30 00
Miss Lawson's salary.....	650 00
<i>Bareilly</i> , eight orphans.....	200 00
<i>Budaon</i> , eight orphans.....	200 00
Enlarging and repairing dormitories.....	120 00
<i>Datagunj</i> , schools and bible-readers.....	24 00
<i>Lucknow</i> , matron for home for homeless women.....	216 00

Mela work.....	60 00
Purchase of tent.....	100 00
<i>Gondah</i> , three Bible-readers....	100 00
Schools.....	33 00
Conveyance.....	80 00
Building.....	250 00
<i>Bahraich</i> , five Bible-readers....	201 00
Schools.....	96 00
Conveyance.....	72 00
<i>Madras</i> , new assistant.....	216 00
	<hr/> \$2,786 00

*China.*

<i>Peking</i> , boarding-school, fifteen scholarships.....	\$ 370 00
<i>Tientsin</i> , current expenses.....	200 00
Traveling expenses.....	100 00
Coolie.....	60 00
<i>Foochow</i> , building school.....	200 00
<i>Hok Chiang</i> , day-school.....	450 00
<i>Kin Kiang</i> , school expenses....	300 00
	<hr/> \$1,680 00

*Japan.*

<i>Tokio</i> , five scholarships.....	\$ 200 00
One native teacher.....	125 00
Matron and sewing teacher...	150 00
New building.....	250 00
Miss Vance, outfit, passage, and salary.....	1,500 00
<i>Nagasaki</i> , three scholarships....	120 00
<i>Hakodati</i> , six scholarships.....	240 00
One native teacher.....	150 00
Pumps.....	150 00

Total.. ..... \$2,885 00

*Bulgaria.*

<i>Loftcha</i> , second assistant... ..	\$ 120 00
Bible-work.....	100 00
	<hr/> \$220 00

*Mexico.*

<i>Mexico City</i> , two scholarships at \$70.....	\$ 140 00
Lights.....	140 00
<i>Pachuca</i> , evening-school.....	50 00
<i>Miraflores</i> , to aid in building wing to school for small girls	50 00
<i>Guanajuato</i> , rent of house for school and home.....	200 00
Bible-woman and supplies....	100 00
Salary of Mexican assistant...	360 00
Interest on loan on new build- ing.....	128 00
New building in Mexico.....	500 00
	<hr/> \$1,668 00

*Italy.*

<i>Pisa</i> , Bible-woman, Mrs. Pal- meri.....	\$ 144 00
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*South America.*

<i>Rosario</i> , assistant teachers.....	\$ 200 00
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Gratuitous education.....	75 00
Repairs and taxes.....	150 00
Buenos Ayres, rent.....	500 00
Second school.....	150 00
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	\$1,075 00
Grand total.....	\$10,458 00

## MINNEAPOLIS BRANCH.

## North India.

<i>Pauri</i> , Orphans.....	\$102 00
<i>Pithora</i> , Girls.....	200 00
Three teachers.....	72 00
Home matron.....	35 00
Medicines.....	24 00
<i>Bareilly</i> , Girls in orphanage.....	85 00
Medical student Agra.....	48 00
Ass't Miss Alice D'Abreu.....	288 00
<i>Lucknow</i> , First ass't.....	264 00
<i>Munshi</i> .....	72 00
<i>Cawnpore</i> , Bible-reader.....	53 00
<i>Colonel Gunj</i> , Bible-reader.....	57 00
School.....	40 00
<i>Chandanpore</i> , Bible-reader.....	57 00
School.....	40 00
<i>Budaon</i> , Scholarships.....	260 00
Bible-reader.....	50 00
Girls' school.....	200 00
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Total.....	\$1,947 00

## South India.

<i>Hyderabad</i> , General work.....	\$350 00
<i>Allahabad</i> , City girls' school.....	182 00
Bible-woman.....	29 00
<i>Munglaur</i> , Bible-woman.....	29 00
District mission work.....	200 00
Missionary to be sent.....	1,200 00
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Total.....	\$1,990 00
Total for India.....	\$3,937 00
Singapore.....	3,000 00

## China.

<i>Wuhu</i> , Bible-woman.....	\$42 00
Girls.....	75 00
Medicines.....	75 00
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Total.....	\$192 00

## Japan.

<i>Tokio</i> , Scholarship.....	\$40 00
Native teacher.....	125 00
Bible-woman.....	60 00
<i>Hakodati</i> , 5 scholarships.....	200 00
<i>Yokohama</i> , 3 scholarships.....	120 00
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Total.....	\$545 09

## Bulgaria.

<i>Loftcha</i> , Four scholarships.....	\$160 00
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## South America.

<i>Rosario</i> , Two assistant teachers.....	\$250 00
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## Mexico.

<i>Mexico City</i> , Lily Roselle schol- arship.....	\$70 00
Building.....	700 00
Interest on loan.....	128 00
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Total.....	\$898 00
Grand total.....	\$8,982 00

## TOPEKA BRANCH.

## India.

<i>Pauri</i> , orphans.....	\$75 00
<i>Pithoragarh</i> , orphans and schol- ars.....	98 00
<i>Dwarahat</i> , scholars.....	72 00
<i>Bijnour</i> , scholars.....	49 00
<i>Bareilly</i> , orphans.....	250 00
Christian woman's school.....	48 00
<i>Kant</i> , girls' school and zenana work.....	80 00
<i>Budaon</i> , girls in boarding-school	200 00
Enlarging and repairing dor- mitories.....	120 00
<i>Kassang</i> , Bible-woman.....	48 00
<i>Lucknow</i> , Miss Blackmar's sal- ary.....	650 00
Bible-woman.....	48 00
Medicines.....	20 00
<i>Cawnpore</i> , assistant.....	216 00
<i>Bareilly</i> , itinerating and munshi	44 00
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Total.....	\$2,018 00

## China.

<i>Peking</i> , five girls in school.....	\$ 150 00
<i>Tartar City</i> , day-school.....	100 00
<i>Chung King</i> , orphans and schol- ars.....	175 00
House rent and repairs.....	250 00
Books.....	50 00
<i>Foochow</i> , deaconess.....	42 00
<i>Hok Chiang</i> , schools.....	200 00
Deaconess.....	36 00
<i>Tsun Hua</i> , furnishing home.....	250 00
<i>Chin Kiang</i> , building.....	250 00
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Total for China.....	\$1,503 00

## Japan.

<i>Tokio</i> , two scholars.....	\$ 80 00
Teachers.....	100 00
Salary of Miss Watson.....	750 00
School building.....	250 00
<i>Yokohama</i> , scholarship; two Bible-woman.....	80 00
<i>Nagasaki</i> , one scholar.....	40 00
<i>Fukuoka</i> , school teacher.....	300 00
<i>Hakodati</i> , five scholars.....	200 00
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Total.....	\$1,800 00

## Korea.

<i>Seoul</i> , two scholars.....	\$ 120 00
Furniture for school and home	100 00
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Total.....	\$220 00

## Bulgaria.

<i>Loftcha</i> , two scholars.....	\$80 00
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## Italy.

<i>Foggia</i> , Mrs. Tagliatela.....	\$120 00
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<i>South America.</i>			
Rosario, assistant teacher.....	\$	200 00	Furnishing school-house..... 80 00
Gratuitous education.....		100 00	Bible-woman (\$60); supplies (\$40)..... 100 00
Total.....		\$300 00	Puebla, two scholars..... 120 00
<i>Mexico.</i>			School supplies ..... 200 00
Mexico City, two scholars.....	\$	140 00	To finish school-building..... 250 00
Interest on loan.....		128 00	Total for Mexico ..... \$1,818 00
On property purchased.....		500 00	Contingent ..... \$641 00
Ayapango, salary of teacher....		250 00	Grand total..... \$8,500 00
School furniture.....		50 00	



## SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1886—87.

BRANCH.	INDIA.	CHINA.	JAPAN.	KOREA.	SINGAPORE.	BULGARIA.	ITALY.	SOUTH AMERICA.	MEXICO.	PRO-VISIONAL.	TOTALS.
New England.....	\$7,892 00	\$6,360 00	\$3,610 00	\$1,130 00	.....	\$370 00	\$240 00	\$1,700 00	\$4,989 00	\$1,000 00	\$27,291 00
New York.....	10,327 00	10,763 00	8,472 00	780 00	.....	670 00	1,032 00	800 00	4,810 00	2,000 00	39,874 00
Philadelphia.....	6,111 00	3,450 00	6,087 00	255 00	.....	310 00	434 00	.....	4,260 00	613 00	21,500 00
Baltimore.....	5,034 00	3,433 00	1,859 00	300 00	.....	.....	182 00	.....	768 00	414 00	12,000 00
Cincinnati.....	10,149 00	4,630 00	4,698 00	1,650 00	.....	1,095 00	314 00	.....	6,917 00	684 00	29,100 00
Northwestern.....	6,902 00	14,132 00	7,740 00	5,112 00	.....	.....	1,404 00	3,770 00	5,138 00	717 00	46,000 00
Des Moines.....	2,786 00	1,680 00	2,885 00	.....	.....	220 00	144 00	1,075 00	1,668 00	.....	10,458 00
Minneapolis.....	3,937 00	1,192 00	345 00	.....	\$3,000 00	160 00	.....	250 00	898 00	.....	8,982 00
Topeka.....	2,015 00	1,503 00	1,800 00	220 00	.....	80 00	120 00	300 00	1,818 00	641 00	8,500 00
Totals.....	\$55,337 00	\$46,203 00	\$37,674 00	\$9,447 00	\$3,000 00	\$2,905 00	\$3,900 00	\$7,895 00	\$31,256 00	\$6,069 00	\$203,705 00

## LIST OF REAL ESTATE BELONGING TO W. F. M. S.

INDIA.		CHINA.	
<i>Bijnour</i> .—School Building.....	\$3,000 00	<i>Pootung</i> .—School Building.....	4,000 00
<i>Budon</i> .—School Building.....	3,000 00	Hospital.....	6,000 00
<i>Bareilly</i> .—Home (43 acres.).....	12,500 00	<i>Tientsin</i> .—Hospital and Home.....	12,000 00
Hospital.....	9,000 00	Wuhu School.....	2,000 00
Orphanage.....	3,000 00	<i>Nanking</i> .....	4,000 00
<i>Moradabad</i> .—School Building.....	2,000 00	WEST CHINA.	
Home.....	3,500 00	<i>Chung King</i> .—Home and School.....	5,000 00
<i>Lucknow</i> .—School Building.....	3,000 00	JAPAN.	
Home.....	1,300 00	<i>Tokio</i> .—School Building.....	10,000 00
Boarding Halls.....	2,300 00	<i>Hankow</i> .—Home and School.....	10,000 00
Home for Friendless.....	4,500 00	<i>Nagasaki</i> .—Home and School.....	10,000 00
<i>Cawnpore</i> .—School Building.....	9,000 00	<i>Yokohama</i> .—Memorial Home.....	3,500 00
Home.....	4,000 00	MEXICO.	
<i>Paori</i> .—Orphanage.....	1,500 00	<i>Pachuca</i> .—Home.....	5,500 00
<i>Gonda</i> .—School Building.....	300 00	<i>Puebla</i> .—Home and School.....	16,500 00
<i>Almorah</i> .—Sanitarium.....	4,000 00	Orphanage, part payment.....	10,000 00
<i>Pithoragarh</i> .—Adeline Newman Home.....	1,500 00	SOUTH AMERICA.	
<i>Nani Tal</i> .—School Building.....	13,000 00	<i>Rosario</i> .—Home and School Building.....	10,000 00
CHINA.		<i>Lofichu</i> .—Boarding School.....	4,500 00
<i>Peking</i> .—Home and School.....	10,000 00	Total.....	\$218,760 00
<i>Chin Kiang</i> .....	2,500 00		
<i>Kiu Kiang</i> .—School Building and Home (Dispensary \$600)	7,000 00		



# CONSTITUTION

## OF THE

# WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

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### ARTICLE I.—NAME.

This Association shall be called "THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH."

### ARTICLE II.—PURPOSE.

The purpose of this Society is to engage and unite the efforts of Christian women in sending female Missionaries to women in the foreign Mission fields of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and in supporting them and native Christian teachers and Bible readers in those fields.

### ARTICLE III.—MEMBERSHIP.

The payment of one dollar annually shall constitute membership, and twenty dollars life membership. Any person paying one hundred dollars shall become an Honorary Manager for life, and the contribution of three hundred dollars shall constitute the donor an Honorary Patron for life.

### ARTICLE IV.—ORGANIZATION.

The organization of this Society shall consist of a General Executive Committee, Co-ordinate Branches, Auxiliary Societies, to be constituted and limited as laid down in subsequent articles.

### ARTICLE V.—GENERAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

SECTION 1. The management and general administration of the affairs of the Society shall be vested in a General Executive Committee, consisting of the Corresponding Secretary and two delegates from each Branch, which delegates, together with two reserves, shall be elected at the Branch Annual Meetings, said meetings to be held within two months before the meeting of the General Executive Committee. Said committee shall meet at Boston, the third Wednesday in April, 1870, and annually or oftener thereafter, at such time and place as the General Executive Committee shall annually determine.

SEC. 2. The duties of the General Executive Committee shall be:

1. To take into consideration the interests and demands of the entire work of the Society, as presented in the reports of Branch Corresponding

Secretaries, and in the estimates of the needs of Mission fields; to ascertain the financial condition of the Society; to appropriate its money in accordance with the purposes and method herein indicated; to devise means for carrying forward the work of the Society; fixing the amounts to be raised; employing new Missionaries, designating their fields of labor, examining the reports of those already employed, and arranging with the several Branches the work to be undertaken by each.

2. To appoint a committee, consisting of one from each Branch, to have charge of the Missionary paper of the Society, and to arrange for the publication of an Annual Report of the work of the Society.

3. To transact any other business that the interests of the Society may demand, provided all the plans and directions of the committee shall be in harmony with the provisions of the Constitution.

#### ARTICLE VI.—BRANCHES.

SECTION 1. The organizations already formed at Boston, New York, Philadelphia, Chicago and Cincinnati, shall be regarded as Co-ordinate Branches of this Society, on their acceptance of this relationship under the provisions of the present Constitution.

SEC. 2. Other Branches may be organized in accordance with the following general plan for districting the territory of the church:

DISTRICTS.	STATES.	HEADQUARTERS.
I.	New England States.....	Boston.
II.	New York and New Jersey.....	New York.
III.	Pennsylvania and Delaware.....	Philadelphia.
IV.	Maryland, District of Columbia and Virginia....	Baltimore.
V.	Ohio, West Virginia, Kentucky and Tennessee....	Cincinnati.
VI.	Illinois, Indiana, Michigan and Wisconsin.....	Chicago.
VII.	Iowa and Missouri.....	Des Moines.
VIII.	Minnesota, Dakota, Montana, Idaho, Washington Territory and Oregon.....	Minneapolis.
IX.	Kansas, Nebraska, Colorado and Wyoming.....	Topeka.
X.	Arkansas, Mississippi, Louisiana and Texas.....	New Orleans.
XI.	North Carolina, South Carolina, Alabama, Georgia and Florida.....	Atlanta.
XII.	Pacific Coast.....	San Francisco.

This plan, however, may be changed by an affirmative vote of three-fourths of the members of the General Executive Committee present at any annual meeting of the same.

SEC. 3. The officers of each Branch Society shall consist of a President, not less than ten Vice-Presidents, a Recording Secretary, a Corres-

ponding Secretary, a Treasurer, an Auditor, and not less than ten Managers. These, with the exception of Auditor, shall constitute an Executive Committee for the administration of the affairs of the Branch, nine of whom shall be a quorum for the transaction of business. These officers shall be elected at the annual meeting of the Branch, and shall continue in office until others are chosen in their stead.

SEC. 4. The President, or one of the Vice-Presidents, shall preside at all meetings of the Branch and of its Executive Committee.

The Recording Secretary shall notify all meetings of the Branch and of the Executive Committee, and shall keep a full record of the proceedings.

The Corresponding Secretary shall, under the direction of the Executive Committee, conduct the correspondence of the Society with foreign missionaries, with the other Branches, and with its Auxiliary Societies (hereinafter mentioned), and shall endeavor, by all practical means, to form Auxiliary Societies within the prescribed territory of the Branch. It shall also be her duty to present to the annual meeting of the General Executive Committee a report of the work of the Branch during the year, for publication in its annual report.

The Treasurer shall receive all contributions to the Branch, keeping proper books of account, and shall make such disposition of the funds as the Executive Committee may direct, each order of the committee being duly signed by the Corresponding Secretary.

SEC. 5. The Executive Committee shall have supervision of the work assigned to the Branch by the General Executive Committee, and may order the disbursement of the funds required for that work, provide for all the wants, and receive all the reports of the Missionaries, Bible Women, and Teachers, who, by the plan of the General Executive Committee, are to be supported by the Branch.

SEC. 6. No Branch shall project new work or undertake the support of new Missionaries, except by the direction or with the approval of the General Executive Committee.

SEC. 7. Each Branch may make its own by-laws regulating its meetings and those of the Executive Committee, also any others which may be deemed necessary to its efficiency, not inconsistent with this Constitution.

#### ARTICLE VII.—AUXILIARY SOCIETIES.

Any number of women who shall contribute not less than ten dollars annually may form a Society auxiliary to that Branch of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, within whose prescribed territorial limits they may reside, by appointing a President, three or more Vice-Presidents or Managers, a Recording Secretary,

Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer, who together shall constitute a local Executive Committee.

ARTICLE VIII.—RELATION TO THE MISSIONARY AUTHORITIES OF THE CHURCH.

SEC. 1. This Society shall work in harmony with and under the supervision of the Missionary Society of the Methodist-Episcopal Church. The appointment, recall, and remuneration of Missionaries, and the designation of their fields of labor, shall be subject to the approval of the Board of Managers of the Missionary Society of the Methodist-Episcopal Church, and annual appropriations to Mission fields shall be submitted for revision and approval to the General Missionary Committee of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

SEC. 2. All Missionaries sent out by this Society shall labor under the direction of the particular Conferences or Missions of the Church in which they may be severally employed. They shall be annually appointed by the President of the Conference or Mission, and shall be subject to the same rules of removal that govern the other Missionaries.

SEC. 3. All the work of the Woman's Society in foreign lands shall be under the direction of the Conferences or Missions, and their committees, in exactly the same manner as the work of the Missionary Society of the Methodist-Episcopal Church, the Superintendent or Presiding Elder having the same relation to the work and the person in charge that he would have were it in the charge of any member of the Conference or Mission.

SEC. 4. The funds of the Society shall not be raised by collections or subscriptions taken during any of our church services, nor in any promiscuous public meetings, nor in any Sunday-schools, but shall be raised by such methods as the Constitution of the Society shall provide, none of which shall interfere with the contributions of our people and Sunday-schools for the treasury of the Missionary Society of the Methodist-Episcopal Church, and the amount so collected shall be reported by the preacher in charge to the annual Conference, and be entered in the column among the benevolent collections in the annual General Minutes.

SEC. 5. Section 4 of this article shall not be so interpreted as to prevent the ladies from taking collections in ladies' meetings convened in the interest of their Societies, nor from securing memberships, life memberships, etc., in audiences where their work is represented, nor from holding festivals or arranging lectures in the interests of their work.

ARTICLE IX.—CHANGE OF CONSTITUTION.

This Constitution may be changed at any annual meeting of the General Executive Committee, by a two thirds vote of each Branch delega-

tion, notice of the proposed change having been given at the previous annual meeting; but Article VIII shall not be changed except with the concurrence of the General Conference of the Methodist-Episcopal Church.

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## BY-LAWS OF THE GENERAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

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I. The General Executive Committee shall convene not later than the last week in October.

II. The annual meetings of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church shall be held in such places as the said committee shall elect.

III. The President and Corresponding Secretary of the Branch within whose precincts the meeting of the General Executive Committee is to be held, shall fix the exact date of the meeting of said committee, and arrange for the anniversary exercises.

IV. The Branch Corresponding Secretaries shall meet at least one day before the time of the meeting of the General Executive Committee, for the purpose of nominating the members of the Standing Committees, and planning work for its session, and report the same at the opening of said committee.

V. The Corresponding Secretary of the Branch within the bounds of which the committee convenes shall preside over its meetings until a permanent organization is effected.

VI. The order of business shall be as follows:

1. Calling the roll.
2. Election of President and Secretary.
3. Appointment of Standing Committees, *i. e.*, Committee on Publication, Committee on Finance, Committee on Application of Missionary Candidates, Committee on By-Laws.
4. Reports of Corresponding Secretaries.
5. Report of Committee of Reference.
6. Report of Constitutional Committee on *Heathen Woman's Friend*.
7. Report of Official Correspondents and presentation of information from foreign work.
8. Memorials, petitions and estimates.
9. Fixing place of next meeting.
10. Notice of constitutional amendments.
11. Miscellaneous business.
12. Reports of Standing Committees daily, immediately after reading of minutes.

VII. The rules of order shall be as follows :

1. Each session shall open and close with devotional exercises.
2. All resolutions to be discussed shall be presented in writing.
3. All ladies speaking shall rise when they address the Chair.
4. No member shall be granted leave of absence except by a vote of the entire body.

VIII. It shall be the duty of the Recording Secretary of the General Executive Committee to forward to our foreign treasurers, as soon as practicable after adjournment, a copy of the appropriations for each Mission.

IX. The Secretary of each meeting of the General Executive Committee shall keep a full record of all proceedings, and enter them upon a suitable book of record, which shall be deposited in the safe of the *Heathen Woman's Friend*, and shall be transmitted to the next meeting of the General Executive Committee by the Corresponding Secretary of the New England Branch.

X. A committee of two shall be appointed by the General Executive Committee to edit and publish a full report of the work of the Society as soon as practicable after the adjournment of said committee.

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## BY-LAWS OF THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

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### I.—BRANCH CORRESPONDING SECRETARIES.

1. The Branch Corresponding Secretaries shall superintend all the interests of their respective Branches; conduct the correspondence of the Society with foreign Missionaries; be present at all Branch quarterly meetings, and present a quarterly report of the work of the Branch, and give to the public, or direct to be given, all communications and plans of the business of their respective Branches.

2. Each Corresponding Secretary shall be required to furnish in her report to the General Executive Committee the following items: Number of Auxiliary Societies, members, life members, honorary patrons and managers, subscribers to the *Heathen Woman's Friend*, and the receipts of the treasurer. In her report of the foreign work she shall include the number of Missionaries, Bible readers, boarding schools, and orphans supported by her Branch.

### II.—BRANCH TREASURERS.

1. Branch Treasurers shall be required to publish each month in the *Heathen Woman's Friend* their report of moneys received. They shall for-



ward the appropriations immediately after the close of the General Executive Committee, according to the appropriations for the next year, sending them directly to the Foreign Treasurers.

2. The financial year of the Society shall commence October 1. Branch Treasurers shall close their accounts for the year by September 30, as nearly as possible.

3. The money received from annual membership shall not be used to make life members, honorary managers, or honorary patrons. Life membership shall be made by the payment of twenty dollars, given specifically for that purpose. If in instalments, the final payment shall be made as soon as practicable, and the membership reported as complete only when that has been done; all instalments to be credited on the Treasurer's book, and acknowledged in the *Heathen Woman's Friend*.

4. In case any Branch is unable to meet the obligations it has assumed, any other Branch may, by the action of its Executive Board, be permitted to use its surplus funds in aid of the Branch deficient.

5. Any bequest or donation made to the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society shall be paid to the Treasurer of the Branch within whose territory the bequest or donation is made, unless otherwise specified by the donor.

### III.—FOREIGN TREASURERS.

1. Our foreign treasurers shall forward their estimates, properly approved, to the Corresponding Secretary of the New York Branch, that she may present them to the authorities of the General Missionary Society for their action, on or before the first of October.

2. The Treasurers in the foreign fields are instructed to make their financial reports to the Branch Corresponding Secretaries.

3. The Treasurers in the foreign fields are requested to forward promptly receipts for moneys received to the Branch Treasurers and Corresponding Secretaries.

4. The salary of our Missionaries shall be paid in foreign fields on the basis of American gold.

5. The funds of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society shall be entirely under the control of the General Executive Committee, to be used only for the purposes designated by that committee.

6. If any surplus funds remain in the foreign treasuries from unused appropriations, exchange, or any other source, they must report to the Branches from whose moneys they accrue.

### IV.—OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENTS.

The Branch Corresponding Secretaries shall correspond with the Missionaries, so as to be able to present a full report of the work in each

Mission, such information to be presented to the General Executive Committee, the fields assigned to the several Secretaries to be arranged by themselves.

#### V.—THE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE.

1. The Committee of Reference shall be composed of the Branch Corresponding Secretaries.

2. It shall meet immediately after the adjournment of the General Executive Committee, and organize by the election of a Chairman and Secretary.

3. All cases of emergency that would come before the General Executive Committee, arising in the interim of its sessions, shall be submitted to this Committee, and decided by a majority vote.

4. The chairman shall send each resolution that is submitted to the committee to each member, and when all have returned their votes, she shall declare the result, and order the secretary to record both resolution and votes.

5. The committee shall present a full report of its action during the year to the General Executive Committee for approval and permanent record.

#### VI.—INSTRUCTIONS TO MISSIONARIES.

We call the attention of the Missionaries of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society especially to Article VIII, Section 3, of Constitution in compliance with which they will consult the superintendent of the mission in which they are laboring on all general plans of their work, and advise with him as to the most effective measures to be taken in the purchase of property, building, and any important undertaking belonging to their special interest.

1. They are expected to attend the annual meeting or conference of their mission, that they may confer with other members of the mission upon all topics connected with their own department, and will report quarterly to the superintendent.

They will be expected to devote their entire time and attention to their legitimate work, as all their temporal necessities will be provided for by the Society.

3. They are required to send annual and quarterly reports to the Corresponding Secretary having charge of their work, and the action of the General Executive Committee will be communicated to them through that secretary or the correspondent appointed for their field by said committee, and no other instructions are to be considered as official.

4. They, with the wives of Missionaries who labor in the interest of the Society, shall constitute a committee to prepare, at each session of the conference or annual meeting of the Missionaries, the estimates for

the ensuing year, which estimates shall have the sanction of said conference or annual meeting before being forwarded to the General Executive Committee.

5. They shall incur no expense during the year to be met by this Society for which the estimate has not previously been submitted to and approved by the General Executive Committee at its annual meeting.

6. They shall credit to the Society all donations received for the support of their work, and annually report the same with their financial statement.

7. All solicitations for funds for special work must be made through the proper official authorities, and Missionaries are instructed not to apply to private sources for aid for support of their work.

8. A Medical Missionary shall be accountable to the Branch from which she is sent. She shall keep an itemized account of all receipts and disbursements; such receipts may be used for necessary expenses in her medical work, any surplus being remitted to the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, and her medical outfit shall be the property of the same.

9. If there prove to be a manifest unfitness for Missionary labor, the General Executive Committee may cancel its obligations to a Missionary whom it has appointed, three months' notice having been given to such appointee by the Committee of Reference, return passage to be paid by the Society, provided she return at the expiration of the three months.

10. A lady Missionary desiring her expenses paid by the Society for a return home from any other cause than that of ill health, must secure permission from the General Executive Committee or Committee of Reference through the Corresponding Secretary of the Branch supporting her.

11. All rules pertaining to the relations of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church with its Missionaries shall be published in the General Annual Report.

12. The Corresponding Secretaries of the Branch by which any Missionary is sent shall be required to sign the following contract: I, ———, Corresponding Secretary of ——— Branch, by which the money is raised for the support of ———, agree on the part of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society to pay the traveling expenses of ——— from the time of her leaving home to that of her arrival in her field of labor, and also her salary from the latter date. In case of illness, I agree, on the part of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, to submit a resolution to the General Executive Committee, or in the interim of its sessions, to the Committee of Reference, asking the privilege of her return home. Such permission being granted, I agree to pay her return passage; and in case her relations to the society are harmonious, her salary for the first year, at the rate of three hundred and fifty dollars, or if it be inexpedient for her to return, at the rate of three hundred dollars.

In case of emergency demanding her immediate return home, she shall bring a certificate of disability from a physician and the superintendent of the Mission.

13. We agree to pay our Missionaries \$200 for personal outfit, and \$100 for the furnishing of the home, the latter to be the property of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.

14. Each returned Missionary shall be expected to attend the first General Executive Committee session after her return, and her traveling expenses to and from the place of meeting shall be met by the Branch supporting her.

15. We accept the relation of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society to the authorities of the church and to our workers in the field, as interpreted by the delegated conference in India, in their session of 1881, as follows :

#### OFFICIAL RELATION OF LADY MISSIONARIES.

WHEREAS, Certain usages having grown up and been found acceptable and successful in connection with our older mission fields in India we deem it expedient to formulate the same in the following rules :

1. In general: The position of a lady Missionary placed in charge of work in connection with any of our circuits or stations is the same as that of a second Missionary or "junior preacher" to whom special work is assigned.

2. In particular: The general plan of work, such as establishing new schools, employing and dismissing head teachers, arranging terms of tuition, board, etc., and preparing a course of study, when these matters are not fixed by an Educational Committee, selecting classes of people among whom work may be most successfully carried on, arranging dispensaries and deciding the proportion of medical work to be given to natives and Europeans, Christians and non-Christians, etc., all such *general plans* shall be arranged by the lady in charge of the special department of work, after free consultation with the Superintendent or Presiding Elder.

3. The lady Missionary in charge of work has full liberty to do the work assigned her in her own way, and to carry out the internal arrangements of her department in the manner which she deems best adapted to secure success.

4. The relation of the Superintendent or Presiding Elder to the work under the charge of a lady is the same as it would be were it under the charge of a Member of Conference—he having a general advisory supervision, auditing the accounts (when not done by trustees), making suggestions, etc., exactly as with all the other work of his district.

5. Lady Missionaries in charge of work, and all Missionaries of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, are appointed by the President of Conference, at the same time and in the same manner that the appoint-

ments of Conference are made. Should, however, a President of Conference at any time decline so to appoint, the Superintendent or Presiding Elders in Council will arrange the same.

6. All new buildings or expensive repairs or changes shall receive the sanction of Superintendent or Presiding Elder, even though no appropriation of money be asked.

7. A class of laborers are employed in our work, known as "assistants." In the employment or dismissal of these ladies, the consent of the Superintendent of Mission or of the Presiding Elder must be secured. They may be transferred by the Presiding Elder, with the consent of the lady in charge of the department in which they are employed. When these lady assistants, being members of our church, by several years of faithful service, have come to be received as belonging permanently to our body of laborers, they may, on the recommendation of the Ladies' Society, when such exists, or by a quarterly Conference, be formally recognized by Conference, and appointed the same as lady Missionaries are.

8. In case of a transfer of a lady Missionary or an "assistant" from one Conference or charge to another, a written permission shall be secured, signed by Superintendent or Presiding Elder in whose jurisdiction the person may be employed, when, according to the condition in Rule 7, the engagement may be completed.

#### REQUIREMENTS OF MISSIONARY CANDIDATES.

1. Each Branch shall appoint a standing committee of five, of which the Branch Corresponding Secretary shall be chairman, who shall investigate the case of any candidate within the limits of the Branch, and shall supply such candidate with blank for health certificate and constitutional questions, to be filled out and answered by her; and, when practicable, a personal interview shall be had with the lady, by two or more of the committee before her papers are forwarded to the Reference Committee or the committee appointed at the General Executive Meeting.

2. A Missionary candidate must believe herself divinely called to the work of a foreign Missionary, and assert her belief that she is actuated only by a desire to act in accordance with God's will.

3. She must here indicate her ability to work in a foreign field by Christian usefulness at home.

4. She must declare her intention to make foreign missionary work the service of her effective years, and agree to give at least five years of continuous service, as a single woman, to the work of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, unless prevented by ill-health; this is not to be understood in the sense that the obligation to remain in the field ceases at five years, but that her obligation to refund passage and outfit money is binding for that length of time; she must also assert her willingness to labor in any field, though her preference is always to be taken into account.



6. The age of a candidate must not be less than twenty-two years, nor more than thirty. A thorough intellectual training, with a facility in acquiring languages, and a remarkable ability for Christian work, may be considered as a sufficient reason for deviation from this rule.

7. Financial and executive ability, and power of adaptation to circumstances, are essential qualifications.

8. She must present a certificate of health from a competent physician, and give satisfactory answers to the medical questions authorized by the General Executive Committee of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.

9. Every missionary candidate is required to sign the following contract:

I, ———, agree to conform to the above requirements and conditions while in the employ of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, and failing in this, to refund the amount of outfit and passage money.

10. After the adoption of a missionary candidate, she shall be regarded as under the direction of the General Executive Committee, and of the Committee of Reference, in the interim of the sessions of that committee.

11. The case of any accepted candidate not sent out during the year, shall be brought before the General Executive Committee at its next session.

12. The testimonials of missionary candidates shall cover the following particulars: Divine call, religious experience and usefulness, intellectual qualities and culture, business and natural ability, and health. In order to fulfil these conditions the candidate is requested to answer the following questions:

1. Do you trust that you are inwardly moved by the Holy Ghost to take upon you the work of a foreign missionary?

2. Do you desire and intend to make this your life work, and are you willing to labor in any field?

3. Have you experimental knowledge of salvation through the atonement of Jesus Christ our Lord?

4. Have you an earnest desire to win souls to Christ, and how has this desire been manifest in the past?

5. Do you believe in the doctrines of the Methodist Episcopal Church, as set forth in section 2 of the Discipline?

6. Have you a thorough English education?

7. Have you studied Latin or any modern language; what proficiency have you made, and do you readily acquire the same?

8. In what schools have you taught and with what success?

9. Have you a knowledge of music, either vocal or instrumental?

10. What is the condition of your health?

11. Have you ever been married? If so, is your husband living?

12. Will you answer by *testimonials* to each of these questions?



## VII.—HEATHEN WOMAN'S FRIEND.

1. The paper of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society shall be known as the *Heathen Woman's Friend*.

2. Its editor and agent shall be elected annually by the General Executive Committee.

3. In the interim of the sessions of the General Executive Committee, the management of the paper shall be under the control of the Publication Committee provided by the Constitution.

## VIII.—CONSTITUTIONAL PUBLICATION COMMITTEE.

1. This committee shall be composed of the Branch Corresponding Secretaries.

2. It shall meet and organize immediately after the adjournment of the General Executive Committee, by the election of a Chairman and Secretary.

3. The agent of the *Heathen Woman's Friend* shall give the Chairman an itemized report of the receipts and expenditures of the paper, properly audited, by the 1st of October, and another six months thereafter. If she finds it necessary to deviate from the published instructions of the General Executive Committee, she shall lay the matter before this committee, and be subject to its direction.

4. A committee of five shall be appointed annually by the Constitutional Publication Committee, to whom shall be intrusted the investment and control of the funds of the *Heathen Woman's Friend*.

5. The agent of the *Heathen Woman's Friend* shall commence and close her financial year with October 1.

6. If the office of editor or agent becomes vacant during the year, this committee shall have the power to fill the vacancy.

7. The traveling expenses of either the editor or agent of the *Heathen Woman's Friend*, and of the editor of leaflets, to and from the sessions of the General Executive Committee, shall be paid from the funds of the *Heathen Woman's Friend*.

8. This Committee shall meet prior to each session of the General Executive Committee, and report to that body the work of the year.

9. These By-Laws may be amended at any meeting of the General Executive Committee, by a two-thirds vote of the members present.

## BOOKS SUITABLE FOR REFERENCE AND USE IN AUXILIARIES.

- 
- Protestant Foreign Missions, by Theodore Christleib, D. D. Ph. D.,  
Congregational Publishing House, Boston.
- Christ and Other Masters, Archdeacon Hardwick.
- Comparative History of Religions, by J. C. Moffatt.
- Christianity and Islam, by Rev. R. N. Stephens.
- The Mohammedan Missionary Problem, by Rev. H. Jessup.
- Ten Great Religions of the World, by Rev. J. Freeman Clark.
- Lecture on Missions, by Max Muller.
- Missionary Life Among the Villages of India, by Rev. T. J. Scott,  
Walden & Stowe, Cincinnati, Ohio.
- Go or Send, by Dr. A. Haygood.
- Our Oriental Missions, by Bishop Thompson.
- Round the World, by Bishop Kingsley.
- Our Next Door Neighbor. Mexico. By Bishop Haven.
- Problem of Religious Progress, by Daniel Dorchester, D. D.
- Missions of the Methodist-Episcopal Church, by Rev. J. M. Reid, D.  
D., Phillips & Hunt, New York.
- Medical Work of Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, by Mrs. J. T.  
Gracey, Buffalo, N. Y.
- Historical Sketches of Woman's Missionary Societies in England and  
America, by Mrs. L. H. Daggett, Boston.
- A Woman's Talk About India, by Miss H. G. Brittan, American S. S.  
Union.
- Women of the Orient, by Rev. Ross C. Houghton, Walden & Stowe.
- Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Meth.-Ep. Church, by  
Mrs. Mary Sparkes Wheeler, Phillips & Hunt, New York.
- My Missionary Apprenticeship, by Rev. J. M. Thoburn, D. D.,  
Phillips & Hunt, New York. Price \$1.25.
- From Boston to Bareilly and Back, by Dr. Wm. Butler. Send orders  
to Miss Walden. Price \$1.50.
- Land of the Veda, by Rev. Wm. Butler, Phillips & Hunt, New York.
- The Orient and its People, by Mrs. I. L. Hauser, I. L. Hauser & Co.,  
Milwaukee.
- China, by Rev. J. T. Gracey. 15 cts.
- India, by Rev. J. T. Gracey. 50 cts.
- Open Doors, by Rev. J. T. Gracey. 15 cts.
- India Missionary Directory and Memorial Volume, Rev. B. H. Badley.

To the East by Way of the West, by Bishop Marvin.

Self Giving, by W. F. Bainbridge. \$1.50.

"A Grain of Mustard Seed;" or, the District Secretary's Letter. 10c.

Wayside Teachings (in India). 5 cts.

China and Japan, by Bishop Wiley.

"Mexico," by Mrs. J. C. Shattuck. 15 cts.; thirteen copies for \$1.00.

Memoirs of Dr. Ella Gilchrist, by Mrs. J. C. Shattuck. 10 cts.; twenty copies for \$1.00.

"Inasmuch," by Mrs. C. E. Thompson. 10 cts.

"My Missionary Box and I." 10 cts.

Three Marys, by Miss L. M. Hodgkins. 5 cts.

"By the Wayside," by Author of "Grain of Mustard Seed." 7 cts.; \$5.00 per hundred.

Sister Ridnour's Sacrifice, by Mrs. C. F. Wilder. \$1.00.

The Land of The Rising Sun, by Mrs. C. F. Wilder. 10 cts. per copy; \$5.00 per hundred, or \$3.00 for fifty copies.

Parish of Fair Haven, by Mrs. Emily Huntington Miller. Price 10 cts.; 60 cts. per dozen; \$4.00 per hundred.

Woman's Work in the Zenanas of India, by Mrs. J. T. Gracey. 10 cts.

Two Daughters of Japan, by Mrs. Flora Best Harris. 5 cts.; \$2.50 per hundred.

Pitchers and Lamps, by Miss Kate W. Hamilton. 2 cts.; \$1.50 per hundred.

Peeps at Real Girls in China. Famous Filials. In Boats, Carts, Homes and Hearts in China, by Miss Clara M. Cushman. 10 cts.; three for 25 cts., twenty for \$1.00.

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#### LEAFLETS.

Seven million four hundred and seventy thousand pages have been distributed during the last seven years. Committee on publication: Mrs. J. T. Gracey, Chairman, Buffalo, N. Y. To be obtained through Branch corresponding secretaries.

## MISSIONARY PERIODICALS.

The Gospel in all Lands; an invaluable Missionary Magazine. Rev. Eugene R. Smith, editor. \$2.00 per year. Mission Rooms, 805 Broadway, N. Y.

Missionary World, eight pages, monthly. 25 cts. per year.

Little Missionary, four pages, monthly. 25 cents per year. An excellent Auxiliary to Children's Bands. Address for either of these, "Gospel in All Lands," 805 Broadway, N. Y.

Woman's Advocate of Missions. Meth.-Ep. Church, South, Nashville, Tenn.

Baptist Missionary Magazine.

Woman's Work for Woman. 1334 Chestnut street, Philadelphia.

Children's Work for Children.

Our Mission Field, Presbyterian Church.

The Foreign Missionary.

Missionary Tidings.

Spirit of Missions, Episcopal.

Missionary Review, Princeton, Dr. R. G. Wilder.

Missionary Link, W. U. M. S.

Missionary Helper, Free Baptist.

Friends' Missionary Advocate, 50 cents per annum. Address 56 Wabash avenue, Chicago.

Life and Light, Congregational, Boston, Mass.

Missionary Herald, American Board.

Lutheran Missionary Journal.

Methodist Protestant Missionary.

Helping Hand, Baptist.

Indian Witness, Calcutta, India.

Woman's Work in China, Shanghai, China.

## MAP OF INDIA, CHINA, BURMAH, AND JAPAN.

The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church has issued an Outline Map, on Cloth (size five by six feet), of China, Japan and India, with adjacent regions.

The prominent stations occupied by this Society are marked in good, bold letters, so that they may be read across a large room. Many other points are in somewhat smaller letters. Besides this Outline Map, showing the large stations occupied by the Methodist Episcopal Church in Asia, there is a smaller map (inlet) on the corner of the larger one, showing in fuller detail stations and sub-stations of the North India Conference. This map will be sent post-paid to any address for the sum of two dollars. Address, Miss P. J. Walden, 36 Bromfield street, Boston, Mass.

Certificates of Life Membership can be obtained from the Branches through which money is paid.

## RULES AND PRONUNCIATION.

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### PRONUNCIATION OF INDIAN NAMES FURNISHED BY MISS THOBURN.

I find it difficult to give the pronounciation of Indian names in English, as requested, because some of the sounds cannot well be indicated by the spelling. A few rules may be helpful, not only in pronouncing the names already given, but those that may occur in letters and reports hereafter.

A has two sounds, a short like u in tub, and a long as in far.

E has the continental sound, like the long e in there.

I is short as in sit, and long when accented as i in machine.

O is always long, as in no.

U short as in full, ù long as in rule.

Ai as i in mice.

Au as ou in our.

The syllable containing the long vowel is always accented. If there are no long vowels in a word, or if all are long, the syllables have equal quantity.

There is some difficulty in applying these rules, because the long vowel is not often printed with the accent in our reports, and so cannot be distinguished from the short, and because some names are spelled in English, and some in Roman-Urdu.

The stations mentioned in our Indian Mission report of this year are pronounced, as nearly as they can be spelled, as follows :

Kamá on	Kamáw ,an	Badá on	Badown
Naini Tal	Nynce Tall	Bilsí	Bilsee
Bhábar	Bhaw-bar	Kakraulí	Kukroulee
Dwára Háth	Dwara Haut	Ghotà	Ghota
Garhwál	Gurhwall	Bissouli	Bissoulee
Srinagar	Sree-nuggur	Saiswàn	Sicewan
Pithoragarh	Pithora Gurh	Ujainí	Ujiney
Rohileund	Rohilcund	Data Ganj	Data Gunje
Bijnúr	Bijnour	Oudh	Ou as in Our
Morádabád	Morad'abad'	Laknau	Lucknow
Chandousí	Chundowseé	Kānpur	Cawnpoor
Amroha	Umroha	Rài Bareli	Roy Barailly
Sambhal	Sumbhul	Bārabankí	Bara-bunkee
Bareli	Barailly	Sitāpūr	Seetapoor
Philibít	Philibeet	Hardū,í	Hur-doo-ee
Aunla	Onnla	Gonda	Goanda
Fathganj	Futhagunje	Nawābganj	Nowā-gunje
Khera Bajhera	Khaira Bajhaira	Baraich	Baraich
Shānjahānpūr	Shah'-jehan'-poor		

RULES FOR PRONOUNCING WORDS IN THE FOOCHOW DIALECT, FURNISHED  
BY MRS. DR. BALDWIN.

a has the sound of a in far.	ó has the sound of aw.
á " " " " a in fat,	u " " " " oo in fool.
e " " " " a in play.	ě has a guttural sound, like oe in Goethe.
é " " " " e in met.	ü has the sound of the French u in l'une.
i " " " " i in machine.	au " " " " ow in cow.
í " " " " i in pin.	ai " " " " i in kind.
o " " " " o in bone.	

Hok-Chiang	Hoke-cheang	Sia Sek-ong	See-ah Sake ong
Ku-cheng	Koo-cheng	Li Chá Mi	Lee Chá Me
Tiong-lók	Teong-lock	Kiu-Kiang	Kew-keang
Hü Pá Mi	Hü-Paw Me	Wong Ting Ai	Wong Ting Eye.
Li Yu Mi	Lee Yoo Me		

It is almost invariably correct to accent on the last syllable of the name of a place.

JAPAN.

Nagasaki	Nang-a-sä/kee	Kiushiu	Qú-shoo
Tsukiji*	Skee-gee	Liu Kiu	Loo-choo
Tsurunga	Suroong/-gä	Yezo	Yes/-so
Shikoku	She-ko-ku	Dai	Dye
Kawatsei Sui (Quassui) Jo Gokke.			Name of Nagasaki School.
* "Ts" has German "z" sound.			Fu-ku-o-ka.

PRONUNCIATION OF SPANISH NAMES FURNISHED BY MRS. REV. D. KEMBLE.

Puebla	Pwāblä	Rosario	Rō-sär-iō
Leon	Layon	Montevideo	Montā-vid-ã-o
Miraflores	Mee-rahflór-es	Buenos Ayres	Bwā-nos-ayres
Queretaro	Ker-é tar-o	Orizaba	Ori-zā-vä
Real	Rā-äl	Pachuca	Pä-choo-kä
Del Monte	Dēl món-tā	Silao	Sē lā ō
Ayapango	Ay a pán go	San Juan	Sän-hwän
Guanajuato	Gwan-a-hwáto		

Seoul, the capital of Korea, is pronounced as if it were spelled Say-ole.



## FORMS FOR WILL AND DEVISE.

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Special attention is called to the following form of Bequest and Devise required by the incorporation of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.

### FORM OF BEQUEST.

I hereby give and bequeath to the "Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church," incorporated under the Laws of the State of New York.....Dollars, to be paid to the Treasurer of said Society, whose receipt shall be sufficient acquittance to my executors therefor.

### FORM OF DEVISE OF REAL ESTATE.

I hereby give and devise to the "Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church" [describe land, etc., intended to be given to the Society], and to their successors and assigns forever.

NOTE.—Prompt notice of all bequests and devises should be given to the Corresponding Secretary of the Branch within which the donor resides.

Mrs. H. B. Skidmore, 230 West 59th street, New York, is the Treasurer of the WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY, with power to sign release to executors, through whom the Society may receive bequests, and to perform such other acts as are required by the Act of Incorporation, and which cannot be legally executed by Branch Treasurers.

## COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE.

The Corresponding Secretaries of the several Branches constitute a Committee of Reference, of which Mrs. W. B. Skidmore, No. 230 West Fifty-ninth street, New York, is Chairman, and Mrs. B. R. Cowen, 313 Kemper Lane, Cincinnati, is Secretary.

All communications to be brought before the WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY in the interim of the General Executive Committee must be addressed to the Chairman of the Committee. All estimates to be presented to the General Executive Committee meeting in October should be forwarded to her in advance, sanctioned by the proper authorities in the mission field.



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# MEETING

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The Eighteenth Annual meeting of the General Executive Committee convened in St. Paul Methodist Episcopal Church, Lincoln, Nebraska, Thursday, October 20, 1887, and continued in session eight days. It was a meeting of very great interest, and deep spiritual power. All that generous Western hospitality could do to make a successful meeting, was done by a very efficient local committee.

The presence of several returned missionaries fresh from their fields of labor, added greatly to the interest of the occasion. Miss Thoburn, our first missionary, Miss Phœbe Rowe, and Miss Hettie Mansell, of India, Miss Hampton of Hakodati, Miss Atkinson of Tokyo, and Miss Gheer, of Fukuoka Japan, brought these countries and the work very near by their representations.

The devotional hour of each day, wherein the trials and triumphs of the past year were reviewed and fresh consecrations made for future work, will long linger in the memory of those present.

In the following pages will be found the reports, both of the Home and Foreign work, which were presented at this meeting. These show the progress made in the work for a year, and are well worthy of thoughtful and careful consideration. The appropriations of each Branch for the coming year; the reports of the Publication Committee; and of that on Missionary Candidates; the amount of money raised each year since the organization of the Society; the names and addresses of our missionaries both in actual service and at home; a summary of Home and Foreign work; the Constitution and By-Laws of the Society; instructions to missionaries; and much other valuable information can be found herein; and those interested can become thoroughly informed of the Society's work, if they will only study these pages.

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## GENERAL SUMMARY.

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THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY of the Methodist Episcopal Church celebrated its Eighteenth Anniversary on Sabbath evening, October 23rd, in St. Paul Church, Lincoln, Nebraska. Mrs. H. B. Skidmore, of New York, presided, and Mrs. J. T. Gracey, Secretary, presented a general summary of the work of the year. From this, a few extracts are made.

The growth and development of this Society have been watched with the most careful and prayerful solicitude. Its 18th year has been its best. Why does this society exist? Simply to tell the women of the world of the Crucified One. Its only hope of success is based on this: "He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for *ours* only, but also for the sins of the whole world."

In rebuilding a Buddhist temple in Japan recently, every person throughout a certain district was called upon to make some contribution. The women were appealed to, but said, "We have no money; we can not give to this cause." But womanly ingenuity came to the rescue, and it was decided they should give their long flowing hair. But of what use can that be in building a temple? There was more than a ton of this hair contributed, from which strong ropes were made, and with these ropes every timber of the temple put in place. The women of the Methodist church all over our land have made offerings this past year of head and heart, have given time, thought and prayer to help rear temples for the living God in all parts of the heathen world. The cap-stones of these temples have been brought forth with joy, and we record the triumphs of another year.

### HOME WORK.

In working for any object, it is a great satisfaction to see results. The Home Work is represented by 4,383 auxiliary societies, and 115,000 members, a large increase over the previous year. Honorary managers, life patrons and life members have been added. Sixteen thousand mite boxes and barrels have been distributed to gather up the mites, and the treasury shows that "love has driven the chariot wheels," and the purse has yielded to this powerful impulse.

The receipts of the fiscal year from October 1st, 1886, to October 1st, 1887, have been as follows:

New England Branch.....	\$22,983 97
New York “ .....	40,089 34
Philadelphia “ .....	16,919 60
Cincinnati “ .....	28,632 72
Baltimore “ .....	8,909 25
Northwestern “ .....	40,376 73
Des Moines “ .....	11,590 72
Minneapolis “ .....	12,095 23
Topeka “ .....	9,560 57
Total.....	\$191,158 13
Last year's receipts.....	167,098 85
Advance.....	\$24,059 28

Five thousand dollars of this amount was the bequest of Mrs. J. T. Harrison, former treasurer of the Minneapolis Branch. Mrs. H. was intensely interested in the uplifting of women everywhere, and part of this money will be applied to establishing an Industrial School in Tokyo, Japan. The remaining \$186,000 came by “two cents a week and a prayer.”

The various secretaries report all financial obligations met, their fields thoroughly tilled, Bands organized among young people and children, Conference and District Associations held, missionary literature scattered broadcast, and intelligence and zeal increased.

#### LITERATURE.

Among the literature of the Society, the *Heathen Woman's Friend*, the official organ of the Society, has the widest influence. This paper is the medium of communication with our missionaries and their work. It has now 19,987 subscribers, a slight increase over last year. It should be in the hands of everyone of our 115,000 members. This paper is not supported by any missionary money, but pays its own way, and meets from its surplus funds the cost of thousands of pages of missionary literature each year.

#### GERMAN PAPER.

The *Heiden Frauen Freund* is an eight-page monthly paper, edited by Mrs. Dr. Warren, and published in German by the society for the use of our German members and missionary workers. It has 1680 subscribers, of whom 80 are in Germany, and 57 in Switzerland. It has only been established two years.

#### LEAFLETS.

Missionary leaflets have been distributed more abundantly the past year than ever before. For nine years this department of work has been carried on, and from small beginnings it has grown to be a great power. There

have been printed and sent out 3,296,000 pages this year, which is an increase of a million and a quarter pages over the preceding year. Over half a million of these have been for children and young people. Eight of the sixty-two varieties published, or forty-four thousand pages, have been in German, and sent to our German auxiliary societies.

#### THE ZENANA PAPER.

At the session of the General Executive Committee in 1883, the proposition was made by returned missionaries, that a Christian paper be established for the women of India, and printed in their own language. Twenty-five thousand dollars was considered necessary for its endowment. The paper was established, and only a small balance remains to be collected. This paper is published in North India, in Hindi and Urdu; in South India, in Tamil and Bengali. These have a monthly circulation of five thousand, and it is estimated that not less than twenty thousand women in the Zenanas of India have this paper coming to them every month.

#### OUR MISSIONARIES.

We call them ours, and so they are, for what we work for, love and pray for, rightly belongs to us. The Society supports about seventy missionaries in the mission fields of the church. During the year Misses Hampton, Gheer and Atkinson have returned from Japan, Dr. Pray and Miss Fisher from China, Miss Mansell from India, and Miss Hastings from Mexico, all broken in health.

To re-inforce the work, Miss Ayres and Miss Field have been sent to Mexico, and Miss Shaw, Miss Hartford, Dr. Edna Terry, Dr. May Carlton to China. Miss Wheeler, after a year's rest, has returned to China, Dr. Meta Howard and Miss L. Rothweiler have gone to Korea. Miss R. is the first gift of German Methodism to our work.

Miss Ella Fincham has been sent to Bulgaria. Miss Vance has gone to Japan, Miss Abrams, Miss Miller and Miss Hughes to India. Miss S. Blackmore, of Australia, approved by the South India Conference, has been accepted, and sent to Singapore, making in all fifteen added to the working force during the year.

#### DEATHS.

The Society is not without its shadows. Miss Hattie Kerr returned from India, and after long months of suffering passed from her home in Ann Arbor, Mich., to her eternal home, December 11, 1886. She lives in the hearts of many who knew her, and whom she helped.

Miss Florence Nickerson went to India in 1880, and returning home, died on board an English steamer, and was buried in the Gulf of Aden, January 31st, 1887. An Indian paper contains the following incident:

"One day a man came to the school in Pithoragarh, bearing on his back his girl, whom, thinking she was dying, he wished to make over to the school, and so be saved further trouble and expense. A miserable object in

human shape it was, but it had a soul, and to help and save souls Miss Nickerson had come across the waters. That little diseased one was gathered into loving arms, and there held night and day and every remedy tried till she was cured. Two nights the lady sat up with that little thing held in her arms, so that she might get rest some way. This little girl had been in the village school, and knew and loved Miss Nickerson, and begged her father to take her to the Christians, as she wished to be buried there. She lives, and is one of God's own little ones, saved through Miss Nickerson's efforts.

"Saved through her,"—this is the climax.

"'Tis worth living for this,  
To administer bliss and salvation  
In Jesus' name."

Japan, China, Africa, America and India hold our dead, and now the Gulf of Aden, enfolding the remains of Florence Nickerson, sends back to us from its restless waters, a call that others may be borne onward to fill the vacant place.

#### FOREIGN WORK.

Surveying the fields as reported, we find every department of work moving with rapid strides, flourishing schools of every character filled and overflowing, native women converted and teaching from house to house, medical missionaries giving help and comfort in their bedside ministrations; and many accepting the blessed truths of the gospel. We see also laborers weary and overworked, the agencies insufficient to meet the marvellous openings; heathen, like Nicodemus of old, coming secretly and at night to inquire concerning the way of life, and every occupied station calling for more help.

The full detail of work connected with our mission fields is found in printed report; also a summary giving the number of missionaries, teachers, and all agencies employed. Let it be studied carefully.

Some say, "What are the practical results of all this work?" Let the reply come from regenerated souls in heathen lands! "I die in the faith," said a woman to the missionary, "and I owe all, under God, to your taking me when a little heathen girl, and bringing me to the Saviour." A Chinese woman, a cripple, went a long distance for a second visit to the missionary, and when asked what she remembered from the talk on the previous Sabbath, said, "I am old, my heart is thick, I have no memory, only two things do I remember." "What are they?" "You said, 'God is my Father, and Jesus Christ died on the cross to save me.'"

Barbarossa was marching at the head of his army for the re-conquest of Jerusalem when he received word that his son was dead. He was overcome with grief, and commanded his soldiers to halt. The monarch recovered himself, and said, "Alas, my son is dead, but Christ lives, and there is no time to halt."

There are hungry ones longing for the "Bread of life;" there are thirsty ones desiring to "draw water out of the wells of salvation;" there are naked ones waiting to be clothed with the "robe of righteousness;" there are prisoners anxious to be released from their fetters by "the Truth;" there are sick ones hoping they may "touch the hem of His garment" and be "made whole." "*There is no time to halt.*"



## REPORT OF FOREIGN WORK.

## OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENTS.

South America; and North China . . . . .	MRS. ALDERMAN.
Rohilkund District; Korea; and Central China . . . . .	MRS. SKIDMORE.
Mexico; and Tokyo, Japan . . . . .	MRS. KEEN.
Foochow, China; and Madras . . . . .	MISS HART.
Oudh District, India; Nagasaki, Japan . . . . .	MRS. COWEN.
Italy, Bulgaria and Bombay . . . . .	MRS. HOAG.
Hakodati and Hirosaki . . . . .	MRS. HUSTON.
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Kumaon District, India . . . . .	MRS. PATTEE.

## TREASURERS IN FOREIGN FIELDS.

North India . . . . .	MISS LOUISE E. BLACKMAR.
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Kiu Kiang, “ . . . . .	“ GERTRUDE HOWE.
Tokyo, Japan . . . . .	“ MATILDA A. SPENCER.
Yokohama, “ . . . . .	MRS. CARRIE VAN PETTEN.
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Nagasaki, “ . . . . .	“ ELIZABETH RUSSELL.
Korea . . . . .	MRS. MARY F. SCRANTON.
Italy . . . . .	MISS EMMA M. HALL.
Bulgaria . . . . .	“ LINNA A. SCHENCK.
Rosario, South America . . . . .	“ JENNIE M. CHAPIN.
Montevideo and Buenos Ayres . . . . .	MRS. C. W. DREES.
Mexico City . . . . .	MISS MARY DE F. LOYD.
Pachuca, Mexico. . . . .	“ MARY HASTINGS.

## IN INDIA;

In addition to the 18 missionaries of the *North India Conference*, our Society, and the wives of missionaries in charge of work, the following are employed as assistant missionaries, zenana and boarding-school teachers: Mrs. Whitby, Miss Thornton, Miss Boyd, Mrs. Grant, Miss H. Singh, Miss



Mary King, Miss Carley, Miss Gow, Mrs. Worthington, Miss Seymour, Miss M. Seymour, Miss Watson, Miss D'Abreu, Miss Thompson, Miss De Souza, Miss Annie De Souza, Miss Newton, Miss Simpson, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Butterfield, Mrs. Jarbo, Miss French, Miss Daugherty, Miss Connelly, Mrs. Hunt, Mrs. Chuckerbutti, Miss Ormond, Miss De Castro, Mrs. Can, Mrs. Ward, Miss Watson, Miss De Zones, Miss Hoff, Miss Boyd, Miss Sparham, Miss Tyler, Miss Paul, Mrs. Pinto, Miss Wischam, Miss Fitzpatrick and Miss Pierra, besides 6 medical assistants, 194 Bible women and 115 native Christian teachers. There are in boarding schools 780, in day schools 3,609, 4,014 zenanas regularly visited. *In South India*, are 6 missionaries, 2 boarding schools, and a rapidly increasing zenana work; besides 6 medical assistants, 188 Bible women, and 103 Christian teachers. There are in boarding schools 700, in day schools 3000. 2,970 zenanas regularly visited.

The working force consists of Mrs. Whitby, Miss Mispclaur, Miss Boyd, Mrs. Grant, Misses King, Hunter and Fleming, Mrs. Worthington, Miss Torndorf, Miss Seymour, Miss M. Seymour, Mrs. Smith, Miss Waddingham, Miss Thompson, Miss Ledley, Mrs. Jarbo, Mrs. Chuckerbutty, Miss Singh, Miss Connelly, Miss De Castro, Miss French, Miss Ormon, Miss D'Abreu, Miss Alice D'Abreu, Miss Souza, Miss Tiernan, Miss Tyler, Miss Langley, Miss Roberts, Miss Gilbert, Miss Paul, Miss Ward, Miss Fitzpatrick and Mrs. Hunt.

We have —

#### IN CHINA;

Fifteen missionaries, 38 day schools, 4 boarding schools, 3 training schools, 4 hospitals and dispensaries.

#### IN JAPAN;

Fourteen missionaries, 4 boarding schools, 12 day schools, 12 Bible readers, and 3 training schools for evangelistic work.

#### IN BULGARIA;

Two missionaries, 1 boarding school and 5 day schools.

#### IN JAPAN;

Fifteen Bible women employed under one lady missionary.

#### IN SOUTH AMERICA;

Three missionaries, 1 boarding and 11 day schools.

#### IN MEXICO;

Eight missionaries, 1 orphanage, 1 boarding school, 8 day schools, 8 Bible women and 10 teachers.

## ROHILKUND DISTRICT.

## MISSIONARIES.

MISS FANNIE SPARKES (home on leave),	MISS FANNY M. ENGLISH,
MISS MARY CHRISTIANCY, M. D.,	MISS SARAH LAUCK,
MISS CLARA A. DOWNEY,	MISS ANNA LAWSON.
MISS KATE McDOWELL, M. D.	

## MARRIED LADIES IN CHARGE OF WORK.

MRS. E. W. PARKER,	MRS. T. J. SCOTT,
MRS. N. L. ROCKEY,	MRS. W. S. BARE.
MRS. L. R. HOSKINS,	MRS. F. W. NEELD.

By the action of the Central Conference in forming three conferences in India, and readjusting boundaries, this district acquired considerable territory on the West side of the Ganges. The principal point of interest there is Agra, where twelve of our mission girls are studying in the medical college. Mr. and Mrs. Clancy have charge of the work on that circuit. A valuable property has been secured for a home for the girls and for general missionary work. Two native preachers and their wives have opened work in Mothra, a celebrated Hindu city and shrine. Several zenanas are regularly visited, and schools will be opened as soon as money can be secured for this purpose. Work has also been opened in several places in the new territory which was granted to the Amroha district, and several inquirers are reported in these places. A number of new Sunday schools have been opened, and the work seems in every way most encouraging. The work in the Amroha district, which is a part of the Province of Rohilkund, is being carried on very successfully under the charge of Mrs. Haqq. Several women and girls have been baptized recently, and a large number of inquirers are reported among the women in the district.

## BIJNOUR.

The work in Bijnour, under the charge of Mrs. Rockey, assisted by Mrs. Worthington, has gone on very encouragingly. During the cold season the work in the out-stations was visited and more thoroughly organized. The number of girls in the boarding school has increased, so that the school numbers more than fifty, and others are proposing to come next year. The work in Najibabad has sustained a severe loss in the death of Mrs. Henrietta McGregor, who has been for many years a most earnest, faithful worker, and has never asked for any compensation from mission funds. She has gone to receive her reward at the Master's hands. She passed away early one Sabbath morning, just at the time the Muhammadan girls were gathering for their Sunday school. When they heard the sad news of their teacher's death, they went and sat and wept with the bereaved family. Mrs. McGregor was one of the Bareilly orphan girls. Her work in that city will live, and the seed she has sown beside all waters will bring forth precious fruit.

## MORADABAD.

The work in Moradabad in all its departments has gone on as usual. There has been a large increase in the number of girls in the boarding school both as boarders and day scholars. A large class of girls from twelve to fifteen years of age who had never been in school before, have come in from the villages in the district. Some of them had not been baptized, and had been betrothed as children to boys who are now attending the mission school here. When the boys went home for their vacation, they informed the parents of these girls, that if they expected them to marry these girls to whom they had been betrothed in the days of their ignorance, the girls must be sent to school. The girls seem very happy in school, and are improving rapidly. There are thirteen schools for Hindu and Muhammadan girls in the city, and several primary schools are carried on among the lower classes. These schools give us access to the people, and the work we are able to do, especially in the Sunday schools connected with them, is most encouraging. Some new schools have been opened in Chandausi, and the work in the other out-stations is being carried on successfully by the Bible women and teachers, who work not only in the place where they live, but in all the neighboring villages.

## ZENANA WORK IN MORADABAD.

## IN CHARGE OF MISS LAUCK.

In the Moradabad zenana work we have one hundred and seventy houses, all of which are visited once a week, and one hundred and eighty pupils receive instruction in Urdu, Hindi, arithmetic, knitting, etc., from us. In some of the families we have two or three pupils, while in others the women simply listen to us while we sing, read and talk to them. Though we would wish all the women whom we visit to learn to read, still we are very glad to gain access to those who welcome us for the sake of our Bible teaching, and in every case I explain to the women that our main object in visiting them is to teach them of Christ, and to help them to have pure hearts and lives, although we are more than willing to teach them to read, write, etc. Often-times my heart is made very glad by the eagerness with which the women listen to the story of Christ, and I firmly believe that not a few of them are numbered among His little ones. Only within the past week I have had two conversations with a Hindu woman, whose heart seemed literally hungry to understand the love of God, and to know how she could find salvation, and be assured that she would go to heaven after death. Her eager, earnest questions and ready reception of the truth, touched me greatly and I felt that truly God is blessing our efforts to labor for Him among the women of India. Sometimes, however, my teaching is strongly opposed, and especially by the old, old women, some of whom are bent almost double with age; and I often think that if it were not for their

opposition, I would find very little trouble in impressing the truths of the gospel upon the minds of the younger women of the household. I believe the Hindus are more ready to receive and accept our teaching than the Muhammadans, but many of our most interesting, promising women are found in the Muhammadan families visited by us. In one Muhammadan house I was telling the women that Christ only could remove the stains of sin from our hearts, making them perfectly clean, when an old woman from a neighboring house came in. She was going to leave at once, but one of the women whom I was visiting, said to her, "Come, sit down, she is telling us how we may have pure hearts," and the old woman sat down and listened with the others. One young Muhammadan woman whom I visited, had, when I first saw her, been suffering from fever for many months, and on each succeeding visit I found her weaker than before. I tried to the best of my ability to lead her to Christ, her Saviour, and she seemed to appreciate my visits greatly, and to believe that only through Christ could she find salvation. The last time I saw her she was about leaving her home to go to the mountains, hoping to regain her strength in the cool bracing air of the hills, but I learned this morning that she has been dead for several months. I am not without hope that before death came, she found the salvation which she seemed to appreciate, and to understand as well. A young Hindu woman, a teacher in one of our city schools, died several weeks ago. One of my Bible women had been teaching her arithmetic, and several times I talked to her about Jesus. I saw her about one week before her death, and she was suffering very greatly, but she talked to me intelligently, and I feel sure that Christ had taken possession of her heart. We have opened between forty and fifty new houses since Conference. I am sure God is helping us in our work.

#### MEDICAL WORK.

The medical work, in charge of Dr. McDowell, has been carried on as usual. Large numbers of women and children are treated daily in the dispensary, and visits are made to the homes of the people when required. A Bible woman is employed to give religious instruction to those who come to the dispensary. The women are generally fond of hearing our religious songs, and often will wait a long time until there is an opportunity for singing. Dr. McDowell spent some weeks in Panna attending the Rani there, who is the one who sent the message to the Queen, which led to the inauguration of the Lady Dufferin movement for providing medical aid for the women of India. The Rani seems to have been much pleased with the doctor, and very reluctantly consented to have her leave her, asking her to promise to come again soon. In the absence of Dr. McDowell, Mrs. Jane Plumer, who has been connected with this work for many years, carried on the work very efficiently.

## REPORT OF GIRLS' ORPHANAGE IN BAREILLY.

## MISS F. ENGLISH IN CHARGE.

Thus far this year the dear Lord's watchful care has been over the orphanage. No serious illness has come to us, although the season has been a very trying one.

The middle of May our school closed for a six weeks' vacation. My assistants all went away for a vacation except Miss D'Abreu, who remained to help me, and excellent help she always gives, too. After school closed we commenced having prayer meetings every morning with the girls. Then Miss Leonard came to us, and during the five days of her stay among us she rendered very efficient service. Some were converted, and many were much quickened and helped.

I have four assistants this year. Miss D'Abreu has charge, or rather oversight, of all the Bible classes. She is also of great help in prayer meetings and in personal effort among the girls, frequently doing work that with my limited knowledge of the language I could not do.

Miss L. Thompson, my second assistant, has charge of the primary department of the school. She has some native assistants, but so many little ones give her plenty to do. They generally come to us without any idea of order or discipline, and it is no light matter to get them under training, but "Miss Lottie," as we generally call her, is very patient with them, and they soon learn that they must submit to authority. Miss DeSouza and Miss DeCastro came to me about the close of last year. They are mostly engaged in teaching, although they help with the work classes, giving out stores, etc. They are doing good work.

Among the native women who help me in the school are Persis McCune, Eliza Joel, and Buddhiya Sweet. Persis is one of the nicest native women I have seen, she is always quiet and ladylike. Buddhiya and Eliza Joel are faithful at their work. I believe they are all orphanage girls, a monument of Miss Sparkes' tender care, and careful guidance. Mary Janvier, Joel Janvier's youngest daughter, also teaches. She is a nice quiet girl and was educated in Miss Thoburn's school. Rachel, one of our girls who went from us a little over a year ago, has finished her course. When she learned that she could not recover, she wrote a note of farewell to us all, saying she was going to heaven. She was such a happy bride, and wanted so much to work for the Master, and we hoped for so much from her. But her work is finished, and she is safe with the dear Saviour she had learned to love. Sometimes as we go on with our work day after day, and month after month, it seems as if we do not accomplish much. But who can estimate the value of even one soul thus saved and made fit to enter the abode of the blest? Our girls leave us and go to homes of their own, and others come and take their places, and so, gradually the light is spreading and souls are being brought to a knowledge of the love of Christ.



Our girls who are attending the Medical College in Agra, all passed good examinations last year, and Minnie Quinn, who is on the last year of her course, has led her class every year. At the last examination she not only led her class, but shared the honor of leading the college with a *boy*, their standing being the same. We hope they may keep humble and near to the Saviour, that when their studies are finished they may go out to accomplish much for their sisters who have not been so highly favored as they.

#### ZENANA WORK IN BAREILLY,

IN CHARGE OF MISS DOWNEY.

We visited about 135 houses this year, but of course the number of women is much greater than this. Some very interesting houses have been opened to us, a few of which I wish to tell you about. In the early part of the year, while we were visiting in one of the houses regularly visited, a number of women and girls came in, among which was a little girl, who at once began urging us to go to her home, saying that they had just come from Agra and that there a Miss Sahib used to visit and teach them. We went to the house and found the mother of this girl to be very bright and pleasant. She was expecting us and was glad to have us come and to find that she could continue her studies. I arranged to have the house visited regularly, and she improves fast in her reading. As we left that house another woman called to us. We found that this woman also was a stranger here, having just come from the mountains, and she was both lonely and homesick. She seemed very glad to see us and told me about her mountain home, and that a missionary lady had visited and taught her there, and she had been watching for me to go by, having heard that we came to that street every week. She reads Hindi very well, and said that she wanted to learn either Urdu or English, so that when her husband was away from home and wrote to her she could read his letter for herself, for she did not like to have other people know everything he wrote to her. She said she had tried in every way to get him to learn Hindi, but he would not, so the only thing she could do was to learn either Urdu or English, as he knew both. I was pleased with her motive for learning a new language, for she knows Hindi very well. She began Urdu at once, but does not learn very fast, for she has found the hot weather very trying. She takes the Zenana paper, and is much pleased with it, and always asks about it if it is a day or two late in reaching her. She says she likes it because it tells her of the things that happen in distant parts of the country, which she would never know, if she did not get the paper. A few weeks ago I gave her a copy of the New Testament and she was delighted when she had read enough of it to understand whom it told about. She is very bright and I always feel encouraged after visiting her. She thoroughly enjoys our religious teaching, and says that she does not worship or believe in idols.



Another woman, who had just come from Agra, came into a house where we sat one day, and wanted us to visit and teach her every week. She said she believed in Jesus Christ and knew about Him, and beginning with His birth, she told me the story of His life, all about it, in a way that surprised me, and yet made me very glad. Some one will be rewarded for leading that soul to the Master, for I believe that she knows Him.

She cannot read very well, only in the Second Reader, but she knows about Jesus, and much prefers that we sing and talk with her than for her to read her lesson. We visit her sister also, who lives near her. She reads much better, and is very interested in a religious book she is reading. I know that this woman is thinking of coming out from among her people and openly becoming a Christian. She has talked with me about it.

A few days ago an English lady called at our house, and while there, showed me a letter she had received from a strange lady, asking if she could do anything for a pupil of hers who had gone to live in Bareilly. Some relative had died, and her people had sent for her, and she was so anxious to keep up her lessons that her husband had also written this missionary who taught her, asking if some arrangement could not be made, and giving the name and address of the place she was going to. This lady said that she could not do anything for her, but thought that I might be able to. I took the husband's letter, it was written in Hindi, and had it read, and found that we visited houses in that neighborhood, and planned to look for her when we went to that place. The next day I was visiting a family near that street in which she lived, not knowing or thinking I was near her, when a young woman came and talked with me a little, and then said that when she was in Fyzabad some lady used to visit her, but since she had been here they had seen no one. I then asked about her, and found that she was the woman I was looking for. We went to her father's house, and arranged to visit regularly and teach her while she remained in Bareilly. She was very happy when she found that she could go on with her studies. She is bright and young. She has read one of the Gospels, and is now studying geography in addition to her reading book. She recited several hymns that she had committed to memory, and told me that she had heard of Jesus Christ who died for us.

In another part of the city a Muhammiadan woman sent for us, and when we visited her she said that she wanted to learn something, for her husband had told her that, as she did not know anything, he should marry another wife. He is working among the English, and did not like her to be so ignorant. She is very much in earnest, and tries very hard to learn, not only from her book, but she wants to learn to sew and cut out her own clothing. She is interested also in our religious teaching, and talks about it in a way that proves that she understands what we say to her.

In another house they would not allow us to read the Bible. I let the Bible women go for a few weeks, thinking that they might get over their

prejudice, but as there was no signs of it, I told them not to go any more. After a little they sent word to us to come, but I refused for a while. At last they sent a servant to me to ask the reason I would not send some one to their home. I told them the reason, and said if they wanted us to come and would listen to our teaching, I would send the women to them; but, if they did not care to hear our teaching and were not willing to, I could not send any one. The servant came back to say they would be glad to hear our teaching, and to have us visit them. So we visit them again.

In one Hindu house we have four little pupils. The oldest is perhaps 13 years, and she teaches the other three, and they have done very well, except one, who has learned literally nothing all the year. The other two are just beginning a new book, and are very happy about it; and the little teacher is learning very fast herself, and is pleased with her work. One day as I was talking to the little girls, I asked one if she wished to be like the tares and belong to Satan, or like the wheat and belong to God. Her eyes brightened as she answered quickly, "I want to be God's child." She is an interesting child, and very fond of me, always sitting at my feet and looking up into my face as long as I am in the house.

#### MEDICAL WORK IN BAREILLY.

IN CHARGE OF MISS CHRISTIANCY, M. D.

Dr. Christiancy writes that, "While medical work cannot make much display, the hospital and dispensary at Bareilly has held to its own record in aid of the sick and suffering. The gospel has been taught in other ways, as by the distribution of tracts and the daily services of a Bible reader. Medical work was opened and carried on in Philibhit for about four months. Mrs. Scott's school for the wives of the students in the theological school is one of the most important institutions in our mission. She has a very fine class of women this year, the best she has ever had. These women are being trained for the special work in which they will be engaged as pastors' wives and evangelists among the women. Mrs. Scott also has charge of the city schools. She had a very interesting gathering at the class of last year, for all her pupils, Christians, Hindoos and Muhammadans, when the annual prizes were distributed. Sunday schools are held in each of the day schools, and the girls enjoy the picture papers that are distributed very much.

The work in the out-stations of the Bareilly district is very successful. Bible women and teachers are working in many villages, and there have been a large number of baptisms. This village work is very promising, and the work Christian women are doing must be counted as one of the efficient causes of this success."

#### SHAHJEHANPORE,

The work in Shahjehanpore has been strengthened by the addition of Mrs. Hoskins, an old, experienced missionary, to the staff of workers. She is trying to supply a long-felt need in the work there by opening a day

and boarding school for Christian girls. She hopes to be able to receive a large number of boarders next year from girls in the district who have been waiting for an opportunity to attend school. The work in the city schools and the zenanas continues interesting and hopeful. Good work is being done in the out-stations by the native sisters. One new out-station has been opened in Mohumdi, a city of some size on the borders of the Luckimpore district.

## BUDAON.

The work on the Budaon circuit, under the charge of Mrs. Neeld, is prospering in every department. The Sigler boarding-school girls did themselves and their teachers great credit at the time of the visit of Bishop Ninde and his daughter there last November. Mrs. Smith, who had been an earnest, faithful teacher, especially in the religious instruction given the girls, is numbered among those of our workers whom God has called to enter into rest.

The work among the women and girls on this circuit is supplied very largely by young women who have gone out from the Sigler school. Experience has taught us that these boarding schools for Christian girls are very important auxiliaries in all our work as they have furnished a large proportion of our workers in the country places where we have had the most success in leading the people to Christ, and where a large portion of our baptisms have taken place. Our great hope in all this work is in educating the girls in our schools and Sunday schools, and training young women for evangelistic work.

## SUMMARY.

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Missionaries W. F. M. S. . . . .	6
Missionaries Parent Board . . . . .	6
Assistants . . . . .	11
Bible Women and Christian Teachers . . . . .	140
Day Schools . . . . .	132
Day Pupils . . . . .	1,808
Boarding Schools . . . . .	5
Boarding Pupils . . . . .	330
Orphans in Bareilly . . . . .	276
Zenanas visited . . . . .	2,324
Women under instruction . . . . .	2,465
Patients in Zenanas . . . . .	95
Patients in Hospitals . . . . .	45
Patients in Dispensary . . . . .	21,787
Prescriptions given . . . . .	31,728

Amraho District is in Rohilkund, and is included in this summary.

## OUDH DISTRICT.

### MISSIONARIES.

MISS L. E. BLACKMAR,	MISS E. L. HARVEY,
MISS ESTHER DE VINE,	MISS ORIEL MILLER,
MISS THERESA KYLE,	MISS MARY REED,
MISS PHÆBE ROWE,    MISS HATTIE MANSELL (home on leave),	
MISS DELIA FULLER.	

### MARRIED LADIES IN CHARGE OF WORK.

MRS. T. S. JOHNSON,	MRS. J. E. LAWSON,
MRS. H. MANSELL,	MRS. S. KNOWLES,
MRS. J. E. SCOTT.	

In nineteen stations in the District of Oudh the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society through our missionaries both married and single, through teachers and Bible readers carry on regular work; some difficulties have been met and overcome, some severe trials borne, but God has owned his work and given a good degree of prosperity. Each one of these nineteen stations is a radiating centre, reaching far out into the surrounding darkness, and affecting for good, wide interests. In Lucknow the varied forms of work,—Boarding and Day schools, Zenana and evangelistic work, Home of the Friendless and College Class have each a history of another year of labor—of seed-sowing and in some instances, of reaping. The boarding school under charge of Miss De Vine, has had a prosperous year, though the cholera kept away some scholars. Good progress was made in study, and a good religious spirit prevails. Three girls passed the Entrance Examination and a number have gone out as teachers and Christian workers. The illness and consequent departure of Miss Mansell was a trial to the interests of the College Class, but it has been carried on under the supervision of Miss Kyle who has this in addition to the care of the Zenana work. Miss Kyle says: "I find pleasure in teaching these girls. They are faithful and conscientious."

Of the Zenana work she says: "We visit regularly two hundred and thirty-five houses, besides the village work. There are thirteen places where people gather attracted by the singing, and are taught Bible truths. In some houses ten, and in others as high as twenty listen to the gospel; the average number being ten." This would make 2,325 in the Zenanas of Lucknow who have the bread of life carried to them, besides which, is the evangelistic work in out-lying villages. Many touching incidents could be given showing how the gospel has been set up in many hearts. No report of the work in the city schools under charge of Mrs. Johnson, with Miss Paul as inspectress, is received, but the last report of women's work in India, speaks of it as very successful. There is a Sunday school in connection with each school. The Home for Homeless Women has been kept up with varied experiences, shelter has been

furnished the homeless and a new purpose has been put into the hearts of some of the inmates. Some have been employed as teachers, and a number have been brought into the church. Miss Blackmar has had charge of this work from the beginning. At Hurdai, Shahabad, Madhogunge and Sandalier, under care of Mrs. Joel, the native pastor's wife, and Bible women, zenana work is carried on. Over one hundred houses are regularly visited and in many villages the gospel is preached. Three day schools and an interesting Sunday school work is prosecuted. Seetapore with its extended circuit work, taking in Lakhimpore, Khairabad, Misriki, Rokeree and Golen, with Mrs. Lawson as superintendent, has prospered in every form of work. The boarding school has overflowed its bounds and Mrs. Lawson sends an urgent appeal for a new building; fifty girls are crowded into a house built for thirty. In addition to the girls being trained in the boarding school Mrs. Lawson has a training class composed of Christians who, she hopes, will make Bible readers and evangelists, in the near future. There are eleven Bible women, and more urgently called for. Mrs. Masyk assists Mrs. Lawson in this department. Nearly three hundred zenanas are visited and in them Mrs. Lawson says are found many unbaptized Christians, secret disciples of the Lord Jesus. Seven day schools flourish, and twenty-four Sunday schools scatter gospel truth in many homes. The district work consisting of a systematic visitation of all existing work, and preaching the gospel in the many villages where regular work is not carried on, is an important factor in this circuit. The work at Barabanki, Daryabad and Bahramgha, under charge of the native pastor's wife, consists of three day schools, and a zenana work under ten Bible women. Two hundred and sixty zenanas are regularly visited. Baraich is also under charge of the native pastor's wife and six Bible women, and teachers are employed. God's word has been taught in three hundred and fifty houses. Two day schools and an interesting Sunday school work is also kept up. Mrs. Knowles has charge of the work in Gondah, which includes Colonelgunge, Nawabgunge, Ellenpore, Balrampore, Ayudhya, and many villages besides. Five teachers and seven Bible women are employed, over three hundred zenanas are visited, and numbers have given their hearts to God. All the information of this field is found in the last India report. No recent news can be given, but the work of God was moving on grandly and the indications were for still greater displays of Divine power. Mrs. Knowles tells of one woman's work thus :—

“Piyari Masih sat with her husband as a female devotee, under a tree in all weathers for twenty years, and performed many acts of asceticism and laceration. They lived in sackcloth and ashes, and were regarded far and near as very holy people. The gospel of Christ reached them and showed an easier way to be saved. Since their conversion and baptism they have devoted themselves to the work of the Lord; Piyari preaches Christ among the villages. Already four women with their husbands and children have



been brought to a knowledge of Christ, and been baptized through her labors. She rejoices in the work, and feels she is serving a living and true God. Her conversion shows the mighty power of the gospel to break the hardest heart and enlighten the darkest mind."

In Cawnpore the city schools are in charge of Mrs. Mansell; they are six in number, three purdah and three belonging to the lower class. The attendance and progress in study is reported as very good. More could be opened if there was money to support them. Miss Reed is in charge of zenana work; three assistants and six Bible readers have been at work. During the year Miss Reed and her helpers have had some severe trials of faith and patience, but are able to rejoice in the Lord who gives strength when needed and opens the way when all seems closed. Miss Reed says:

"My faith is strong and this is my ground of hope. God is with us and He will uphold us." The boarding school, under charge of Miss Harvey, assisted by Miss Miller, has passed a prosperous year. Miss Harvey says: "God has given us encouragements of such a nature as to strengthen our belief that this work is of the Lord. Health and strength has been given us and love has bound us together. Sixty-four pupils have been enrolled, all that can safely be accommodated. At the Government examinations the girls did well and earned an increased "Grant in aid;" one girl will go up for Entrance Examination. Two of our girls will go into mission work, under Miss Reed; good, true girls, thoroughly converted, and in love of the work for the Master's sake. I find in going over the records that since the school was organized three hundred and sixty girls have received instruction and discipline here. Of this number forty, to our knowledge, have been engaged in mission work; how many more I cannot say, as many came from distant parts of India, and we cannot follow them. Many have married, and in happy homes, are making better wives and mothers for the influence of this school. Spiritually the school has been blessed, and the Holy spirit is doing His work in these hearts. We truly feel our work is not measured by the number sent into the Zenanas, or by the fruit we see from it, but when Christ makes up His jewels then shall be known what has been accomplished in His name."

At Unao five Bible women visit eighty-six zenanas, four schools are kept by us, and in these as well as in the Sunday schools the progress is exceedingly encouraging. The work in Roi Bareilly, owing to Mrs. Kastendieck's illness, was not reported in the India Annual report. Mrs. Emma Moore Scott was sent there, and knowing her of old, a full report was expected of work vigorously prosecuted. None has been received, but from the September number of the *Friend*, this is gleaned.

"We have now nine Sunday schools and I have opened a new day school. The Bible women are trying to improve their minds and getting ready to do better work. I have the town divided into districts so that each woman has her own sphere of labor. The cholera has been very severe. Last



month in this civil district the mortality was 8,000. Thank God it has not come near one of our Christian people."

### SUMMARY.

Missionaries, W. F. M. S. . . . .	7
Missionaries, Parent Board . . . . .	5
Teachers in English Schools . . . . .	12
Assistants . . . . .	9
Bible women . . . . .	69
Day Schools . . . . .	43
Pupils in Day Schools . . . . .	942
Boarding Schools . . . . .	3
Pupils in Boarding Schools . . . . .	255
Zenanas visited . . . . .	1,550
Women under instruction . . . . .	3,286
Home for Homeless Women . . . . .	1
Inmates . . . . .	29

### KUMAON DISTRICT.

#### MISSIONARIES.

MISS ANNIE BUDDEN,

MISS E. L. KNOWLES.

#### MARRIED LADIES IN CHARGE OF WORK.

MRS. DR. WAUGH.

MRS. T. CRAVEN.

The important points of interest in this District are four: Pauri, Dwara-hat, Pithoragarh, and Naini Tal, each with its surrounding district and village work. To fully represent the work of this large district, which includes also the Gurwhal and Bhabar, the two former in the hills, and the latter lying at the foot of the hills, would fill quite a volume, while this report must be confined to two or three pages.

In *Pauri* Miss Whitby has charge of the work, assisted by Miss Thornton. This station in the Himalayas is one hundred miles from Naini Tal, and fifty from the foot of the mountains. Mrs. Badley, who has been spending the hot season there, says: "There is only one English lady here besides ourselves. No Europeans within one hundred miles of us." She adds: "The work is all prospering. The orphanage is very nice, and well regulated." Mrs. Whitby writes: "We are having a good year here in the work, and God is blessing us all. There have been 74 baptisms this year, the highest number we have ever had in one year in Pauri, and we hope by God's blessing to have the 100 for which we have asked, complete, before the close of the year. The most of those baptized are from Hindu families."

They close the year with 34 names on the orphanage roll. Seven have been admitted during the year, and four have married and gone out as

workers. The health of the girls has been good, and good improvement has been made in their studies. Seven girls are preparing for the Government Vernacular Examination. Some of the girls are advancing in the Christian life. All the women working in Pauri are required to attend a class in the school, where they are taught in the books required for the Bible reader's course of study. The village work is carried on regularly, but with little encouragement, as the village women lead such busy lives they have no time to stop and hear the Word. Many of them admit that we teach the true way, but the chains of *caste* are very strong upon them.

The *village schools* are doing well, and the children are improving, and learning hymns, catechism and Scripture. The parents seem very proud to hear thier little ones sing of Jesus. The *Srinagar* work, under the care of the Bible reader, Hester McPherson Todd, supported by McPherson Auxiliary of S. W. Kansas Conference, has not been as successful as last year, still some good, under God's blessing, has been done. The school is doing well, though the attendance is not so large as formerly. There are *eight* villages visited. They have no Bible reader for Pauri, as they take some of the large girls when they visit the villages. In the *four* village schools they have 73 pupils. They hope to open other schools next year. The Dekhwali was closed this year, as the worker went away, and they had no one to put in her place.

In *Dwarahat*, Mrs. Dr. Waugh has charge, assisted by Miss L. Boyd. Mrs. Waugh writes: "Our school is crowded this year. We have more girls than we have money for, and we must build an addition to the school too, though we will have to borrow money, (which is against the rule). I could have had more girls if I had room for them. Dear little Bagli, Justinia Richardson, has left us. It was very hard to let her go, but we thought it right. Her mother, who had gone to the home in Pithora, gave a good deal of trouble, and was determined to run away, and come back here to be with her little girl. Mrs. Grant kept writing that she must have Bagli, or else give up all hopes of making anything of the mother, who is a woman of an awful temper and tongue. Her little girl can do more with her than anyone else, so we sent her, while we all prayed for the mother's salvation, and dear little Bagli, most of all had her mother on her heart. God has abundantly answered these prayers. In a late letter from Miss Budden, we learn that this woman is her best worker. A quiet, earnest, good woman, and is going to make an earnest Christian woman.

The school in *Dwarahat* numbers eighteen pupils, and its moral tone grows better each year. The girls' characters have much improved since Miss Boyd has been living with them.

The custom of visiting the villages once a week has been kept up, but has been much hindered through the sickness of the Bible readers with whom the girls went out. The villages in which are the best openings for work are too far for women to go, who have little children. Unless a woman is

able to walk long distances, and leave home for four or five hours at a time, she can accomplish little. Still with all these difficulties much has been accomplished, and God has inclined the people to come to us, when we could not go to them.

In *Pitharagarh* a marked and steady improvement in every branch of the work is reported. The Home has twenty-six inmates. The farm has proved to be much more profitable this year than last. The Boarding school is also prospering, and has thirty pupils. Village visiting has not been carried on much during the year, owing to some responsible person being needed to go with the women and girls. The village school became very large after Mrs. Dease took charge of it. But a terrible scourge of cholera broke in upon all this prosperity, Miss Blackmar was sent to Miss Budden's assistance, and had great difficulty in reaching her on account of the panic of fear among the coolies. She found the mission a scene of desolation, Miss Fresham with six of the women were all who were left about the place, Miss Budden having taken the school girls to a hill twelve miles distant, but one died, even there. Miss Blackmar says. "In the two weeks I was there, from four to eight deaths were reported daily in the town, and we could often hear the women lamenting; this with the howls of jackals that prowled around day and night, and the vultures slowly flying about, or settling by the dozen near some half-buried corpses, together with the sad stories from the doctor every evening, and the almost deserted mission premises, all conspired to render life there most gloomy." A missionary writing August 25, says: "In the North-West Provinces alone, there have been 70,000 deaths since the middle of last June."

The *Naine Tai* work, excepting the girls High School, is in charge of Mrs. Craven, assisted by Harriet Singh. Mrs. Craven reports; "Our work has been carried on the past year in a faithful and earnest manner by Miss Singh; early and late, in season and out of season, she has labored, and we know her labor has not been in vain. Besides her zenana work and schools, she has given much time, talent, and prayer to the elevation of the poorer native christian women, many of whom greatly need this fostering care and sisterly love." She commenced her zenana work with *five* houses, but the number increased to thirty-six; fifty-six women in all, received regular gospel teaching, and learned to read. The school work is encouraging, there are *three* schools, with eighty-three names on the roll; an average attendance of fifty.

The Girls High School, under the superintendence of Miss Knowles, is doing good work, but like nearly all our schools is crowded for room. But estimates have been made for a new building, and they will probably be soon provided for. Miss Knowles says: "The importance of English school work for the future of India, is becoming more and more manifest, Roman Catholics are powerful in their influence in India, working very little among natives, but among English speaking people. If the true Protestant influence

we are shedding abroad, could be known by our ladies, there would no longer be any question about the value of our English schools. A large English speaking population (mixed) dwells in India, and if the country is to be won for Christ, they must be won." This school numbers forty-five boarders, day pupils ten, but the attendance might be better if they had more room, but she expects to have part of the new building ready for occupancy before the rainy season sets in.

The *Bhabar* includes Huldwani, Katgodam, Ramnagar, Dhaphta, Isaenagar and Chopra. In Huldwani the work is in charge of the Bible reader, Lois Patras. It is reported as increasing in interest every year. They have but about five or six months in which to work. The people come down from Naini Tal, to the villages at the foot of the hills, remain during the winter, and return in the spring. The school numbers from twelve to twenty girls. As the people come down and get settled, the girls are found and induced to attend school, many of them, even in this short time, learn to read Hindi nicely, and get a knowledge of christianity which they can never forget. Besides the school and zenana work, there are several villages near, where Mrs. Singh and Lois find many women glad to have them read the Word, and sing the songs of redeeming love.

In Katgodam, Fanny Peters, Bible reader, reports a prosperous year. Besides her own village, she goes to Ranibagh, and several smaller villages. The women are always glad to have her come and read the Bible and sing to them.

Ramnagar and Daphta are under the charge of the Bible readers, Alice and Tulsi, who are both doing well and are received gladly by the women among whom they labor.

Isaengar and Chopra are cared for by Florence and Mary Gowan. These are both christian settlements, the former in the Bhabar, and the latter in the hills. Florence reports the work carried on as usual at Chopra. Mary has a small school, which both Christian and Hindu children attend. When the people move down in October or November to Isaenagar, the school is again opened there, and the work carried on by Florence and her daughter Mary, till they go back again in the spring.

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Missionaries of the W. F. M. S.	2
Missionaries of the Parent Board	2
Assistants	10
Bible Women	9
Teachers	26
Day Schools	13
Day Pupils	214
Boarding Schools	4
Boarding Pupils	138

Orphans in Pauri . . . . .	35
Homes for Homeless Women . . . . .	1
Inmates . . . . .	26
Zenanas visited . . . . .	211
Women under Instruction . . . . .	432
Patients treated in Dispensary . . . . .	33
Prescriptions given . . . . .	33

## SOUTH INDIA CONFERENCE.

MISS M. E. LAYTON, Calcutta (home on leave),

MISS M. HEDRICK, Calcutta,

MISS JULIA WISNER, Rangoon,

MISS MARY A. HUGHES, Madras,

MISS SARAH M. DELINE, Bombay,

MISS MINNIE F. ABRAMS, Bombay.

South India Conference *now* includes Sindh, Gujerat, the Bombay Presidency, and all of peninsular India south and west of a line drawn from Burhanpur to Jubbalpur not including them, thence due east to Bengal and along its south-west border to the Bay of Bengal.

The work assigned us last year in South India Conference, included

## MADRAS DISTRICT.

MRS. W. A. RUDISILL, Missionary, MISS GRACE STEPHENS, First Assistant. MISS C. CHASE, a member of the Vepery Methodist Episcopal Church, and supported by that Sunday school, has aided Miss Stephens.

Madras is a city of 45,000 homes, less than one hundred of which are visited by zenana workers. In April, 1886, Miss Grace Stephens was appointed zenana worker, with instructions to visit only those houses which had not been opened to other missions. Six districts are visited weekly, about thirty-five zenanas regularly, more occasionally. The average distance between the districts being one and a half miles, the visiting takes a long time. "Some of the inmates of these zenanas who never before had heard of Jesus' love, now profess to have found the pardon of their sins. Time would fail to tell of the many wonderful works, wrought during the short time this mission has been in operation."

Mrs. Rudisill writes of Miss Grace Stephens: "She has faithfully discharged her duty, spent many weary hours in gaining access to these homes, and has indeed borne the burden and heat of the day. Her work is a marvel to many who have been long in the mission field. She is gentle and winning in her manner, loves and respects those for whom she labors, and has strong faith in God. As I recall my first visits with those I have enjoyed during the past year, our hearts are filled with praise and thanksgiving to our heavenly Father. Much of the seed has fallen on good ground, and the yield is a hundred-fold. Miss Stephens, I fear, is doing



more than she ought, and cannot undertake any more. There are in every district, poor benighted prisoners, entreating her to come and teach them, but she must put them off. We are praying that consecrated ladies from home may soon be sent to us. A copy of the *Heathen Woman's Friend* published by Brother Rudisill by the sanction of the Publishing Committee has reached us."

#### HYDERABAD.

Rev. Mr. Rudisill under date of July 23d, writes: "I am glad to tell you that we have secured the services of an excellent Christian Eurasian woman to open work at Hyderabad, and I hope to see the work in as flourishing condition here as Madras.

#### MUSSOORIE DISTRICT.

REV. D. OSBORNE, Presiding Elder, writes from Roorkee, Hyd., "There are in the Girls school twenty-four girls, seven Christians, seventeen heathen; two have gone to the Meradabad School, one to Bijnour. One of the girls when very sick and about to die, sent her respectful *salams* to the *mem sahib* who had told her of Jesus, and then fell asleep in Jesus singing, "When he cometh." Here we have a Bible Woman, Mary Oakfield. At *Manglaur* Marian, twenty-three years of age visits daily about eight hours. At *Tasipur*, Jane visits six hours a day. We find the *Woman's Friend* printed in Hindi and Urdu very helpful in our work.

#### POONA.

In the close of 1886, the sum of \$120 was received from the Cincinnati Branch, for work in Poonah among the women and girls. We have started four schools for girls, one for the Sweeper caste. The total number is one hundred and sixteen, average attendance eighty-two. In connection with each school is a Sunday school, where the girls are taught scripture, texts, the Lord's Prayer, etc. The girls take great interest in singing, and in one school plain sewing is taught. The cost of these four schools, including salaries of teachers and rents, is about thirty dollars a month. We are very much encouraged and thankful for the way the work in these schools has opened.

Brother Robinson, Secretary of South India and Bengal Conference, under date of June 17, writes: "Miss Warner of Rangoon, is now Mrs. Fox of Poona. She served her five years faithfully, and wrought a conspicuously excellent work in that needy and rising city. The flourishing girl's school is a lasting monument of her devotion, energy, and ability. I am very glad to know that in her new field Mrs. Fox will have ample scope for her energies, and developing the promising native girl's school mainly supported by the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.



## BOMBAY.

## MISSIONARIES.

MISS SARAH M. DELINE,

MISS MINNIE F. ABRAMS.

## ASSISTANTS.

MISS SUNDIA BAI POWER,

MISS BELCHAM, Teacher,

MISS THOMAS,

MISS WRIGHT.

The great city of Bombay, although not in reality the capital, is in many respects the most important city in the empire. Until within the last few months our work has been confined to the visiting of the women in their zenana homes. But so urgent was the need, so great the pressure upon our workers to open a day school for the children of the members, and those who come within their influences, that one was undertaken in a building in the compound of our missionaries' home. The missionaries of the Parent Board very strongly urged the measure, in order that the children of their congregations might receive religious training, and all who were interested in the future of our church and its work, saw that a school was an absolute necessity for furnishing trained teachers and zenana assistants, all of our assistants so far coming from other denominations.

Most urgent pleas were sent to the ladies at home for permission to open a boarding school in the new and commodious premises to which Miss DeLine had removed, but we dared not make an advance which we would find ourselves financially unable to sustain, and so expressed ourselves. Then a father desired, in order to have them trained for missionary work, to place his four girls there, paying the entire expense. The young lady teachers wrote personal letters to the official correspondent urging that they be taken in as boarders, each pledging herself to care for one, that there might be no additional burden upon Miss DeLine; and so a boarding school was unexpectedly made one of the features of our missionaries' new home. The school proper, or day school, opened in March; thence to May 1, twenty-two were enrolled, the majority of them being Christians. The second term there were sixteen attendants, all Christians. A few Parsi children would attend if Guzerati were taught, but now there are only classes in Hindustani. At the commencement of the term the native teacher was ill, leaving Miss Belcher who was in charge, alone; then Miss Belcher was ill for a time, and Miss DeLine was obliged to teach, among other studies, Marathi, arithmetic and geography. There being innumerable changes in their arithmetical tables, it was found necessary to employ a heathen pundit who agreed to say nothing on religious matters. Miss DeLine decided to put the school under government control. This does not interfere with its missionary character, it only necessitates government examination and enables them to receive "grant in aid." A Parsi gentleman was very helpful in putting it under government rules and securing the government grant. It has been troublesome to bring the school up to grade, but will be decidedly advantageous.

New and suitable furniture has been provided for the school room, and also a wagon, or long two-wheeled cart, and oxen, to take the girls to and from school. The greatest difficulty found in teaching Christianity to the girls is their innate lack of a sense of honor and truthfulness. Many of them are desirous of receiving a good education, and study well. The school house is a small bungalow situated in the compound; it has three nice rooms, a necessity, for until otherwise taught all of the girls study aloud, and a recitation room must be had. Besides these three rooms, there is a room where the little folks are sent to play school, tiny little maiden teachers being appointed alternately to whom the others recite, thus endeavoring to instil into these future teachers a genuine love for the calling in which they seem now greatly interested. Devotional exercises and catechism lessons are given in the morning.

An appropriation is asked for city schools. These schools are taught by the wife of the pastor of native work (American Missionary). She is provided with a pundit, and usually a conveyance and native teacher, by the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, but herself has no salary. Mrs. Brure is in charge and visits them once or twice a week. For these no furniture is needed, save a common chair for the teacher, and a few books and slates, the scholars sitting on the floor around the sides of the room.

Owing to the lack hitherto of educational facilities for our Methodist children, some of our most prominent families are slow to accept the belief that our schools are equal to those of other denominations, therefore we must work our way slowly.

In the zenana work there has been prosperity, but owing to the illness of the workers it has not been carried on as fully as contemplated. Miss Sundai Bai Power was disabled by a painful accident to her knee, and for months has been unable to leave the house, but commenced her visitations September 1st. Miss Tracy, so valued, was obliged to leave on account of illness. Miss Taylor came to take her place, but was obliged at vacation to go to Madras for treatment, and is still there. Miss Turner is there and bids fair to be very useful. Miss Turner's home is in India; although her parents were from Canada, she is a Baptist, can read Roman Urdu, and speaks Bombay Hindustani. Miss Lucy Thomas is an Eurasian, very young, but learns the language rapidly; owing to her inexperience she receives only her board as compensation. Miss Wright, who left ill, at the beginning of vacation has returned considerably improved, and commences work November 1. She has been very successful. The year closed with the following record, including the Bible reader's work:

Number of houses visited . . . . .	100
Number of people who have heard the Gospel weekly . . . . .	240
Number of houses where prayer has been offered . . . . .	14
Number of regular pupils . . . . .	125
Women who read the Bible daily . . . . .	45
Profess faith in Christ, but not openly . . . . .	14

No house is visited where they are not permitted to read the Bible. The work of this first quarter was closed with from one to two conversions in every department. "Is not that" says Miss DeLine "a record over which to say 'Praise the Lord for his abounding goodness.'"

## BENGAL CONFERENCE.

WORK COMMENCED IN 1887.

The Bengal Conference consists of Bengal and the portions of India not included by the North and South India Conferences, with Burmah and the Straits Settlement, in which is

### SINGAPORE.

MISSIONARY, MISS SOPHIA BLACKMORE.

From an unexpected source, the Lord has given us a missionary for this needy field. Miss Isabella Leonard, one of the pioneers of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, called of God to be an Evangelist, while laboring in New South Wales met Miss Blackmore, and recognized her "gifts, graces, and usefulness," and her clear call to missionary work. As Miss Leonard was about to visit India, she proposed to Miss Blackmore to accompany her. After thought and prayer, and consultation with her parents, she decided to give herself to the work.

Miss Leonard generously paid her passage and furnished the needed outfit, and they arrived, in time for the India Conferences, and were cordially welcomed. Miss Blackmore was immediately in demand for needy fields. Waiting the action of the authorities at home, she decided to go to North India from Madras, meet Brother and Sister Parker in Bombay, and proceed with them; but by a strange intervention of Divine Providence as we see now, she was detained at Madras, and this gave her the opportunity of meeting Brother Oldham, just returned from Bombay, en route for Singapore. Her heart, which had ever turned with deep interest to the Chinese, responded to his appeal, and she at once began the study of the Malay language with a gentleman and his wife, residents of Singapore, but temporarily in Madras, and who were very anxious Miss Blackmore should go there.

From a letter received bearing date 23d July, we make a few extracts: "On Monday last arrived in Singapore, glad to get to my destination at last: but I trust the knowledge I have gained in mission work will be of life-long service, my opportunities have been such as few of the lady missionaries have had. I am so thankful the Lord led me to Singapore via India. Already I find open doors that I can enter. Through Mrs. Oldham's influence, I will have access to several of the wealthier Chinese

homes; this class of women I understand have not had any Christian work done amongst them. The poorer will be glad in many cases to see me and hear Bible stories. Then there are Eurasian women, and a few Christian Chinese women who need much instruction; some of these I have visited. There is a dear little Eurasian, a converted Roman Catholic, who is willing to visit with me, and who has been praying for me ever since she heard I was coming to Singapore. My intention is at present, to visit from house to house, teaching and getting in as much evangelistic work as I can. I commenced the study of the language the first of August, and spend several hours daily. It is not a difficult language, still it takes study and practice, and when one is anxious to begin work at once, it seems a mountain in the way."

#### CALCUTTA.

During the year Miss Layton, who has had charge of the school for eight years, has been compelled to return home, and the work has been conducted by Miss Hedrick. The new building has been occupied only about two years, and is one of the finest school buildings in the city, and perhaps the largest and most valuable belonging to Methodism in any part of the East. It accommodates one hundred boarders and two hundred day pupils. The outlook for this school was never brighter than now. At present, the daughters of Europeans, Eurasians, Armenians, Bengalis, Jews and others, are found enrolled in its classes. Some valuable workers have already been trained in this school.

#### FOOCHOW.

Miss L. M. FISHER,  
Miss C. JEWELL,

Miss K. COREY, M. D.  
Miss S. M. PRAY, M. D.

Our workers commenced the year with grateful, earnest, joyous hearts, and its whole record attests their faithfulness and efficiency.

The printed minutes of the Second Session of the Woman's Conference show an advance in the order of business, and spirit and method of work which is very marked. The printed report of the Foochow Hospital has been received. It gives not only the number of patients treated, but in some cases of special interest, the disease was diagnosed and the method of treatment given. This report being submitted to high medical authority in this country, has received unstinted praise. A leading medical journal says: "The course of instruction as mapped out therein (for medical students), is a thorough and more advanced course than that offered by many medical schools in our own country. In connection with the report, Dr. Corey gave a classification of the diseases treated, and the surgical operations she had performed since she assumed charge of the work. The list embraces all the diseases usually met with in practice. Among the surgical operations were cataract, amputation of the breast, laceration of

the cornea, cleft palate, etc. *The report is a strong argument in support of woman's fitness for the medical mission field.*

There are four medical students in the school. The addition to the hospital provided for at the last session of General Executive Committee was not completed until the close of the year. This gives additional facilities for work. There was disappointment in obtaining the lots expected for the city hospital, but negotiations are pending for securing one deemed still more desirable, now occupied by the Parent Board.

Among the letters last received, is the record of the triumphs of medical skill and prayer, in bringing back to life a poor woman seemingly in the jaws of death, and the profound impression made by her recovery.

Through all the year have come reports of the healthy progress of our work in all its departments, the girl's school, the woman's training school, and the day schools. Miss Fisher wrote in July a résumé of the year's work. Fifty-eight were enrolled in the Boarding school. Fifteen were full members of church. Eleven had entered during the year. Twenty-two were probationers. She gives an account of their being taught in Chinese classics, cooking, sewing, housekeeping, English vocal music, their Bible classes, their classes of instruction in Christian doctrine, and their prayer and experience meetings. Of the happy death of one of the dear girls she says:

"In the midst of loss we could thank God that our girls who die are equipped for that, as they that live are girded with the armor to fight life's battles, all because they have learned to trust in Jesus." Speaking of an experience meeting, she says: "Just before school closed, one was held in which the girls most earnestly testified of their love of Jesus, and their earnest desire to work for Him while at home during vacation. Our last Sunday afternoon meeting was glorious, many even of our little girls speaking sweetly of Jesus and his love. We have had no special time of revival, as in the last two previous years, yet a deep spiritual interest has pervaded the school, and a number have testified to sins forgiven. The spirit of work has been manifest in the way the girls have used their opportunities when women would come to visit the school, and they often come in great numbers."

There are fourteen day schools with an attendance of one hundred and seventy-five. The standard of teaching in these schools has been elevated during the year, and all the teachers are required to come up to an examination that is held just before the Woman's Conference.

Earliest and importunate are the pleadings for two additional women for the educational and evangelistic work, that the women's and girl's schools may be completely separated, that the day schools may be regularly visited and thoroughly supervised, and that the multiplied openings for evangelistic work may be met. Even the full force on the field



seemed all inadequate to the pressing necessities of the case. So it was with unspeakable sorrow to herself and her fellow-workers, that under pressure of disease in August, Miss Fisher yielded to the imperative order of her physician to leave for America. A month later Dr. Pray was compelled to follow; so the small force is shattered. But do those that linger, faint? Nay, verily, but gird themselves afresh for more heroic endeavors, and plead more eloquently that others may come and share their toil, their joy, their crown.

Miss Jewell says: "Speak, write with a trumpet voice, Foochow must have help." Miss Fisher writes: "My heart is in China, if I cannot work for it there, I must here." During the session of our recent General Executive Committee, a telegram came, "Send a doctor at once." Where is she? The money shall not be wanting, if the woman can be found.

## NORTH CHINA.

### MISSIONARIES.

MISS ANNIE B. SEARS,  
ANNA D. GLOSS, M. D.,

MRS. CHARLOTTE M. JEWELL,  
MISS NELLIE R. GREEN,  
EDNA G. TERRY, M. D.

In *Peking* the year has been one of hard work, great care, and heavy responsibilities. At its opening, Mrs. Jewell was an invalid, confined to her bed as the result of overwork, while she was forbidden to use her eyes for either writing or reading; and yet her presence in the Home was esteemed a perpetual benediction to the whole family. Her patient, uncomplaining spirit, her sunny smile, were a heritage to all who came into the peaceful, loving atmosphere of her presence. In a letter dated ten months since, she says:

"Mrs. Hobart is so kind to me she almost makes me think *her* hands are *my own*,—so that I write quite a number of letters by proxy. I have often wondered what I *should* do without certain of my friends; but the best of it is, I've never been called upon to do without them all. I was saying the other day, what I believe to be true in most of our cases, that is, that a great deal of our trouble comes from trying to climb mountains before we get to them. I know I found myself constantly forecasting the future, wondering if certain things be so and so, then 'what next?' I think for the past year, particularly the last nine weeks, the Lord has been teaching me that these things are none of my business! If I could only stay taught! My memory seems poor, and I must confess that I have *taken* more than one anxious thought!"

As her general health improved somewhat, she with others, had strong hope that her eyes would share in the improvement, but in this all were disappointed, and it became a necessity for her to seek a change, as remain-



ing seemed to be sacrificing her only hope of recovery. She most reluctantly left for Japan in early April, hoping for benefit from the trip, as well as treatment from an oculist in Tokio.

Miss Green gave herself to study almost exclusively, for the first year. This year she has had a day school, a woman's class, and has done some visiting. In her last letter she says: "I have now been here fourteen months; the time has not seemed long. I hope to spend many a year in China; it gets better as I understand more of the language of the people and learn their ways, modes of thought, and different characteristics. China seems moving as she has never done before, and 'Western' influence is impressing itself on the whole land in such a way that sooner or later the darkness must recede before the light. Not only direct missionary effort, but social and secular power is making itself felt. The outlook is encouraging or discouraging, as one turns toward the light or toward the darkness,—it is right to keep well both in mind, that we may work to the best advantage in securing the great end."

Miss Sears, in the midst of burdens that would crush one who had less of system, persistent thoroughness, genuine skill and efficiency, has bravely stood at the helm, occasionally hoisting the signal of distress, and sending home the message: "We must have help. We want a lady of experience as a teacher, but in estimate of requirements would rank even then below correctness of Christian character, balance of mind, and sympathy with doctrines and methods of our Church." To this last she adds: "May the dear Lord send us such a one, and in the fulness of the spirit!"

The Boarding school has had a year of prosperity. Letters received from the girls evince great progress made by some of them, and we feel quite sure that in this "Home and school," will be developed noble, Christian women, who shall become teachers and missionaries among their own countrywomen. In Tientsin, the medical work has been well and faithfully cared for by Dr. Gloss. She writes from Peking in July, where she had gone for a little change and rest:

"It was a great trial for me to close the hospital for a month at this season when we have so many patients, but as it is easier to *keep* well than to *get* well in China, I yielded to the advice of my friends. If the work continues to grow as it has done the past year, it will demand the time of two physicians. I am even now unable to do the work satisfactorily, without taking into consideration the study of Chinese—which perhaps is the most important work of all for the present.

The new hospital built in the neighborhood of ours, by Lady Li for Dr. Howard King, is now completed and will doubtless be opened this autumn. The last shadow of this lady's patronage departed from us when a month since Mrs. King sent for the 'piero' which had been presented by Lady Li at the opening of the Isabella Fisher Hospital, and has since then adorned

our front entrance. Of course most of the official patronage goes with Mrs. King, but there is plenty of work among the poorer classes, and if I did not feel that the ladies at home would be greatly disappointed, I should feel rather relieved than otherwise to be free from a service so enslaving, and which bears so little fruit for Christ. Lady Li's interest has always been personal and has never been transferred in the least degree to the mission—or to Mrs. King's successors. Her influence was doubtless of great importance when the work was first started, but we can have plenty of work to-day without her. We had a gift of fifty dollars during the winter, to provide food for poor patients while in the hospital for treatment. I only go to the city dispensary twice a week this year, but treat from fifty to one hundred patients every time I go. One of the girls from the Peking school assists me there during her vacation. Though *we* have not been able to follow up this medical work, the Parent Board have done this, and the new work springing up in the neighborhood of the dispensary promises to become a very important department of the work in Tientsin. There have been several instances during the last few months of happy acceptance of Christian faith by the house-patients, due more to the earnest work of the native assistants than to direct foreign influences."

Her report of medical work for the two quarters ending June 30th, 1887, is as follows:

No. of patients treated in dispensary . . . . .	2,029
No. of prescriptions given in dispensary . . . . .	4,995
No. of out-patients . . . . .	111
No. of visits to out-patients . . . . .	162

*Tsun Hua* work is fairly inaugurated, with good prospects for the future. Dr. Terry received a most cordial welcome from members of the mission, including Dr. Hopkins, who has large plans for medical work at this point. She has a very pleasant home in the family of Brother Pyke, and is giving her time to the study of the Mandarin, in which she is making good proficiency. July 13th, she wrote:

"Yesterday I took my first country trip. Went with the Presiding Elder to a village thirteen miles distant. Heard a sermon in the morning, and in the afternoon eight adults and two children were baptized. The day was exceedingly warm, but I stood the heat and the cart-ride very well indeed. To-day we have been having a most blessed rain. The brethren, though in different places, seemed much drawn out to pray for it yesterday. This morning they were talking up a special season for prayer and fasting, but before the time came there was an abundance of rain. We had a praise service at twelve o'clock instead. We are very thankful for what we have received, and trust for more. I am perfectly contented and happy in my new home. The dear Lord has blessed me very much since coming here

and is leading and helping me. That promise in Isaiah has had a good deal of meaning to me of late, 'Thou shalt not see a fierce people: a people of a deeper speech than thou canst perceive, of a stammering tongue that thou canst not understand.'

In all the stations in North China there is imperative need of reinforcements. Wide open doors are everywhere. O for more importunate pleading for spirit-moved and spirit-baptized disciples to rise up, impelled to exclaim: "Here am I, send me, send me."

## CENTRAL CHINA.

*Work opened in 1872.*

### MISSIONARIES.

MISS L. H. HOAG, M. D.,

MISS M. C. ROBINSON,

MISS ELLA C. SHAW,

MISS MAY E. CARLETON, M. D.,

MISS FRANCES WHEELER.

The work in Central China lies in Chin Kiang, Nanking, and Kiu Kiang.

The work in Chin Kiang has been marked the past year by the opening of the "New Home," which occurred on Tuesday, February 15th. A goodly number of Chinese officials were present, among them the Tartar general, whose rank is equal to that of Viceroy. The chief civil magistrate being absent from the city, sent his regrets, and two deputies to represent him. The acting United States and the British consuls, and members of the foreign community, together with the missionaries of our own and other denominations with their wives, made up the foreign part of the audience. There was a deputation present also from Nanking. The services were conducted by our own missionaries, assisted by Baptists and Presbyterians. There were recitations and songs by the school children. Dr. Hoag was an object of great interest to all the officials, and one promised that he would send his wife for medical treatment.

This part of the work being done, Miss Hoag writes that every thing is in readiness for active and aggressive work. The school, she says, "is a power for good," but the medical work needs an Evangelist to bring it to the highest point of usefulness.

Miss Wheeler, after a year's rest at home, returned to China, and has joined Miss Howe in Kiu Kiang. The school and home belonging to the Society have been removed to another part of the city. This has been found necessary for several reasons, principally to provide for the enlargement of the work. In Wuhu, owing to the failure of Mrs. Jackson's health, and her removal from the city, it has been found desirable to close the school, sell the Society property, and transfer the pupils to Nanking.

In Nanking, Miss Shaw has been at work for nearly a year. The Philander Smith Home is building. Miss Carleton has gone to take charge of the medical work. With the school and medical work, they hope soon to reach many women.

## WEST CHINA.

Miss Howe writes: "The Rev. Mr. Hart has been to Chung King, and rented a house near the site of our old home. Everything seems to be quiet there now. I hope we may be able to re-open our work under more favorable conditions than heretofore."

## JAPAN.

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TOKYO.

*Work Opened in 1874.*

## MISSIONARIES.

MISS M. A. SPENCER,  
MISS A KAULBACK,

MISS A. ATKINSON (home on leave),  
MISS REBECCA J. WATSON,  
MISS MARY A. VANCE.

## Report of the Tokyo Home.

Miss Watson writes of the boarding school as follows:—

"The year has been one of general prosperity, and there has been a steady growth in the religious life of the entire school. The girls passed satisfactory examinations in their studies with the exception of one or two in the primary department. In May, four completed the Japanese course of study, and two the English, receiving diplomas accordingly. Our present senior class numbers a dozen earnest Christian girls, and we are praying that when they have completed their studies they may go forth to do valiant service for the Master.

"While our aim is to give the girls a thorough, practical education, we by no means neglect the so-called accomplishments. Music, drawing, Japanese fancy work, knitting, crochet and sewing, native and foreign, receive due attention. We have added to our facilities for music by the purchase of a piano, and since Miss Vance, a specialist in this line, has come to us, we meet the new year fully abreast with the times. The exhibition of specimens of work done by the girls in sewing, knitting, fancy work, drawing, and cooking, with a drill in calisthenics and Japanese etiquette, formed a pleasant evening entertainment at the close of school in July.

"During the year one hundred and sixty-two girls have been enrolled. Twenty-four for various reasons have left the school. One has been married, and one just as we thought her well fitted for the Master's service here, heard Him say: 'Well done; enter thou into the joy of thy Lord.' About seventy pupils have received help from the Society, but only fourteen have been entirely supported, the others paying their own expenses either as boarders or day scholars. The receipts for the year are \$1,236.47.

"Six Japanese teachers are regularly employed, and several of the older girls give willing and efficient service in the class room, one or two hours

daily. Early in January we were able to rent an adjoining building, to which we transferred about forty of the younger girls. Although it is not fully adapted to school purposes, it will satisfy us until the new building in prospect at Aoyama becomes a reality.

"From the beginning of the school year until the arrival of Miss Vance in February, the work of the boarding school was shared by Miss Atkinson, Miss Kaulback and Miss Spencer each having four or five hours teaching, and the charge of one day school and one Sunday school, while Miss Spencer had one day school, two Sunday schools and the music, assisted in the latter by Miss Kaulback. At that time a change seemed desirable. Our day schools were growing so rapidly that having only one or two hours each week to devote to them we could not give them the attention they demanded. To Miss Atkinson, Miss Vance and myself was assigned the work of the boarding school, while to Miss Kaulback was given the day schools and four Sunday Schools. This arrangement has proved quite satisfactory.

"An Auxiliary of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society was organized in the school on the evening of March 26, 1887. It is connected with North Western Branch as the first W. F. M. S. missionary to Japan, the founder of this school, Miss Dora Schoonmaker, was sent by that branch. Twenty-five dollars are already in the treasury toward the support of a Bible woman in the training school at Yokohama. The girls are much interested in the Society and the meetings are generally attended by the entire school whether members or not.

"Miss Atkinson, accompanied by one of our recent graduates, Miss Sakurai, returned to America in July for much needed rest. This leaves added cares and responsibilities, but we go forth strong in Him who said, 'As thy day so shall thy strength be.'

From Miss Kaulback's report of day school and Sunday school work, the following items are taken :—

Pupils in actual attendance	. . . . .	375
Average daily attendance	. . . . .	343
New pupils	. . . . .	140
Tuition fees from pupils for three months	. . . . .	\$111.85

"Besides the Japanese curriculum for primary schools, we add to the course, the Bible, the catechism, singing, English, knitting, crochet and Japanese sewing. To the four day schools reported last year a fifth was added in April. It is in Tsukiji, and has an average attendance of seventy-five. In connection with the Tamachi school we have a children's weekly afternoon prayer-meeting. One afternoon when ninety-eight were present, I asked how many thought they were Christians, and twenty-eight little brown hands were raised.

"In the Sunday school department I have had the help of eight girls, thoroughly instructed in the Bible, who bring to their Sabbath duties, hearts



full of love for their work. To their eager, prayerful interest and hunger for souls is due the promising condition of our Sunday schools. At Fukagawa has been the most marked increase and interest. The school has passed through various vicissitudes which had lowered the attendance until the roll numbered but thirteen. In January a sudden and steadily continuing increase began. The maximum was reached March 13, when ninety-two children greeted us. This increase was a direct answer to prayer, and this school is the only one which has a larger attendance on Sundays than week days."

Miss Spencer writes:—"My five weekly meetings for women have been continued uninterruptedly with the help of my Bible woman, Mrs. Ushioda. About one hundred and thirty have been connected with these meetings with eighty in regular attendance. There have been fifteen conversions during the year and six baptisms. At Kanda, in May, five ladies were baptized, among them the physician's wife mentioned in last year's report. The husband of one is absent in America, but before leaving went twice to the pastor urging him to do all he could to make his wife a Christian. One elderly woman who had lost her faith has been revived.

There have been several conversions also at Yotsaya. The seed sown is producing rich fruit after long and patient waiting. The husband of one lady is in Europe on official business, and she has written asking him to allow her to be baptized.

At all these meetings the first hour is given to religious instruction and the rest of the time to English and fancy work. An entrance fee of thirty *sen* is now paid by all receiving this special instruction; those studying English pay twenty *sen* monthly, and those doing fancy work only ten *sen*. This nominal charge makes the ladies feel independent, and helps defray travelling expenses. \$109.80 is the amount received during the year.

Three trips for missionary work have been taken during the year, two short ones in September and January, and one of five weeks in the Spring, over the Tokyo District. During the last named itinerary, the Magic Lantern was exhibited eighteen times to large and attentive audiences, showing beautiful scenes in the life of our Saviour, which was always carefully explained. At Sendai a three days 'Woman's Union Meeting,' at which fifty delegates were present, was very inspiring. The landlord of our hotel at Yonezawa, has turned his eldest son out of the house because he became a Christian. His second son and his little daughter are both secretly reading the Bible and hide it about their clothing. In Yamagata, two ladies, the wives of teachers in the Government schools, came to our meetings and seemed deeply interested. Much more time ought to be given to these country sisters to teach them Christian duty and Christian living. Still, while the foreign missionary during her annual visit can do but little for them, the



Bible women under training, as they leave us and are scattered through the land, will exert a wonderful influence for good upon their country women.

Mrs. Dr. Maclay has held three weekly meetings with the help of her Bible women and Mrs. Ogata, and reports increasing interest and good attendance. Receipts from tuition fees, \$12.80.

Mrs. J. O. Spencer has had a class of thirty ladies meet weekly at her house for Bible instruction and foreign sewing. Mrs. J. Soper has also taught foreign sewing at Kanda, with Mrs. Mosora as assistant, opening her meeting with a Bible lesson.

Miss Kaulback's woman's meeting held weekly in the rooms of the Gospel Society has had an average attendance of twenty. Three have recently professed conversion, and two have become day scholars in the Tokyo Home. Receipts, \$39.60.

Mrs. Dr. Swartz has been laboring very earnestly in Sendai with her Bible woman, Sagara O Riyo San, and has held five meetings weekly. Much time has been devoted to visiting the women in their homes, and the work is most promising. The arrival of Mrs. J. G. Cleveland, in April, was a source of great comfort and help.

In summing up the evangelistic work done in Tokyo and Sendai, we find there are seventeen women's meetings held weekly, with an attendance of about two hundred, five Bible women assisting. This work has been most encouraging and much that has been done cannot be reduced to figures. Acquaintances are formed, frequent visits exchanged and an influence exerted for good upon an ever widening circle. May He who has been our guide in the past go before us into another year to direct our way and lead many more precious souls into Himself.

## HAKODATI.

*Work opened in 1887.*

### MISSIONARIES.

MISS MINNIE HAMPTON,

MISS ELLA J. HEWETT.

The opening of the school in the autumn was delayed a week by our fears of bringing the girls together from places where some had been exposed to cholera; later, it was closed a week because of two cases of small-pox appearing in our midst. As these were immediately sent to the hospital, and no other cases appeared, we resumed the usual work and permitted the day-scholars to again come to the school. All through the autumn, cholera first, and then small-pox made us anxious for the safety of our girls, but the Father so cared for us that death has not broken our circle nor serious illness disturbed our regular duties. Though the term was two weeks shorter than usual, more and better work was done than in any term before; and with better grading and arrangement of classes the school work has been more pleasant and profitable than in any year before.

We have four good, earnest teachers, besides our matron and the sewing teacher. Of these six only one is not a Christian; much of the pleasure and satisfaction in the work comes from the willing and earnest Christian efforts of our Japanese teachers; they seem to have the interests of the work so at heart as to make us feel that they are one with us in all that pertains to the good of the school.

School opened with seventy-nine (79) pupils, in September. The number enrolled during the year has been one hundred and four (104), closing with ninety-one, sixty-seven of these being boarders and twenty-four day pupils. Ten of the boarders pay their entire expenses. Some among the supported ones pay a small amount, or furnish their own clothes. The tuition from day scholars has been seventy-five sen (cents), from which we have paid one teacher and have considerable balance. As our accommodations are limited we have aimed to keep about the same number of pupils, taking in only exceptional cases and others to fill the places of those who have left.

The school day begins with singing at half past seven, prayers follow at eight, after those until quarter of nine, drawing and English writing occupy four mornings, while Friday mornings the Japanese pastor conducts the prayers and talks to the girls. From quarter of nine until four, five classes are kept reciting at each hour.—our hours being forty-five minutes. Each girl has her assigned household duties, the work being changed each term, and each girl sews forty minutes a day. Many of the girls are becoming very helpful in Christian work, and with their help three outside Sabbath schools have been carried on, besides the one at the church, in which they also teach. One of the girls has helped Mrs. Draper in her Saturday afternoon work.

Three evenings in the week have an hour devoted to prayer and class meetings for the girls, Saturday evening is spent in explanation and preparation of the Sabbath school lesson. We use the Berean lessons translated, and the girls take a great deal of interest. Sunday afternoons they meet by themselves for a prayer and class meeting, which they take turns in leading.

In the division of labor, Miss Hewett has had the singing, twelve organ lessons a week, two hours a day of school room work, the evening meetings, a class in Japanese in the church Sabbath school, charge of one Sabbath school and the care of the Hirosaki day school. My work has been five hours schoolroom work, with the care of the large schoolroom, the work of the treasury, attending service Sunday and Thursday evening with the girls, a class in the church Sunday school and charge of a Sunday school. The general care of house and girls, also the Society correspondence, we have shared equally.

The Hirosaki day school has grown to number about forty; they have named it after this school, and call it the "Preparatory Caroline Wright Memorial School," which was their own idea. The Hirosaki people are earnestly asking for a lady to come there, and we feel it a good centre for a day school and woman's work. We are hoping the Society will be able to respond to this call.

While God's blessings to us have been many, and we do not think of numbering them, there are three that specially mark the year and give us cause for rejoicing: The clear and satisfactory conversion of the Chinese teacher, who has been in school since the opening, five and a half years ago; the marriage of one of our best girls to a Christian man of good position, and the good reports we hear of her work among the women of Nemoro, where she has gone to live; and the conversion of two of our day scholars who are from the best families of Hakodati. Of the girls who left school several were Christians, others uniting with the church leave the number of church members about the same as last year. Among the little ones who have never received the outward sign of their faith and trust in God, we number many earnest little Christian hearts.

While we are grateful for the results God has given, we look forward to the future lives and work of our girls with the prayer, that their influence for good and the cause of Christ may be unbounded.

MARY S. HAMPTON.

## YOKOHAMA.

*Work opened in 1878.*

### MISSIONARIES.

MISS M. J. HOLBROOK,

MISS G. M. RULOFSON,

MRS. C. M. VAN PETTEN.

The work of our Society in Yokohama is mainly included in the schools. The three day schools are centres of most encouraging interest, each being a nucleus from which Christian influences are radiating in more directions than can be followed. The pupils from these schools form the element of regular attendance in the Sunday schools of their districts, and the parents in many cases are led by the children's interest to attend first the Sunday school and then the church service.

Last spring, when some changes in the government polity regarding school regulations made it apparent that the expense of our mission schools was to be considerably increased, it was suggested that they be closed, rather than increase the expenditure.

To an inexperienced or casual observer it might seem that there really was no longer need of day schools in connection with our missions, owing to the good degree of excellence attained by those of the government. But

the people did not so judge. After some discussion of the matter, one of the members of the native Methodist Episcopal church presented to Miss Rulofson a long list of reasons why the day schools should not be discontinued. Among the most important were: the influence of the Christian teachers' daily example, the instilling of a reverence for God and a knowledge of the truth each day, helping to fix the one hour's teaching on the Sabbath: then the respect begotten in the homes of the pupils for the kind teacher opened a door for Christian influence which, in the case of the church referred to had resulted in several instances, not only in the parents becoming regular attendants, but consistent members of the same.

The Furocho school was nearly broken up last year during the prevalence of the cholera; even the school building had to be abandoned. In September a new building was rented in Okimacho, but the school-room would accommodate only one hundred children, and this number was attained during the first half of the year. The principal, Mrs. Miromeya, who felt that her work was much restricted for lack of room, was made very happy by the removal of her school in August to new and pleasant rooms in Furocho, where a neat and commodious building has been put up for the Gospel Society, tract work and Furocho school, the second story having been arranged for the accommodation of the latter. This school has three grades, with a teacher for each, is furnished with desks and benches, as are the government schools of the same grades, in connection with which it is annually examined. In addition to the Japanese course, Bible lessons, English and singing are regularly taught. The good influence of the school is shown in a marked degree in the conduct of the children, and in their intelligence concerning the truths taught in both Old and New Testaments. The next school of importance on the list at the beginning of the Conference year, was Kanagawa, which has been growing steadily though slowly during the year. It now numbers fifty scholars, and has greatly improved in character, the attendance being regular at both day and Sunday schools. The increasing interest of the latter is very apparent, much of which is due to the influence of the teacher who is now a Christian. One of the happiest events of the year has been the conversion of this teacher, and his subsequent baptism on Easter Sunday. This school, having outgrown its present accommodations, moves this month into a larger building. The Sunday school here numbers one hundred scholars, and is very interesting, from the infant room with an average attendance of thirty-six street children, to the Bible class, which numbers among its members the sons and daughters of the chief magistrate of the village. Every week a woman's meeting is held in this district, where in connection with teaching of English, knitting and fancy work, a Bible lesson is given. Seven women are on probation and some are asking for private instruction from the Bible women that they may better understand the truths of the Bible.

Nogeyama school was last on the list at the beginning of the year, and owing to an inefficient teacher and an unfortunate location, it decreased so fast in numbers, it seemed best to close it the last of December. In January a large and commodious house in Tobe was secured, and a daily class for women, in which English, singing, fancy work and a weekly Bible lesson were taught. This branch of work proves very successful, and is self-supporting. For some months past this class has numbered over twenty women, most of whom are married. Some are ladies of good social position, being the wives of gentlemen who have influential positions under the government. Nearly all have bought Bibles and hymn books, and some come regularly to the Bible class in our Sunday school. The Sunday school in Tobe was opened the first of February with *five* scholars; it now numbers one hundred.

In April, an invitation was received to teach a class in English at the government school in this district, the president of the school promising to use his influence in inducing members of this class to attend our Sunday school, in which he has been successful. He occasionally comes himself, besides which he pays a salary sufficient to cover the travelling expenses of two of the helpers for the Tobe work. Miss Rulofson adds:

"In these days while educational interests in this country are advancing with such good results that superstition and ignorance seem to be dropping away from the people, as the links of a rust-eaten chain, there is yet great danger for the youth, lest in their eager grasping after that which has the glitter of novelty, be it in scientific or social pursuits, they carelessly ignore the spiritual, which faculty of the soul, long centuries of disease have effectually benumbed. Therefore as we look into the bright intelligent faces of the boys and girls in the day schools, we invoke the aid of the Holy Spirit, that His quickening powers may awaken in their souls a hungering and thirsting after righteousness, that the spiritual may keep pace with the mental development."

The Training-school has made a most encouraging record for the year. The number of pupils enrolled is twenty-five. The fruit of the winter months, devoted almost exclusively to study, have been seen in the creditable examinations just concluded, while with the approach of spring have come special opportunities for evangelistic work. One afternoon each week, classes have been suspended and the pupils have gone, two by two into the homes of the people. Several have visited the study houses regularly instructing the women in knitting and crocheting, winning by these means opportunities to teach them better things.

Of the four weekly meetings held by the Bible women, none has been more interesting than a class of more than twenty blind women, under care of Mrs. Inagakio. They are very poor, making a very scanty living, but each month bringing their mites to the treasury, for the general expenses



of the church. A love of music, a striking characteristic of the blind in Japan, has been cultivated in the women by Mrs. Carroll. Their delight in learning our Christian hymns is unbounded.

In Sunday school-work nearly all the women have a special part, some instructing large classes, others acting as assistants in the infant department. Yokohama school, now numbering three hundred and fifty has been very largely built up through the work of these Bible women, who go out every Sunday and invite the children to come in. Sometimes when visiting the children, an interest has been awakened in the parents, and homes have been thus opened into which the women have repeatedly gone to instruct the older members of the family. From one Sunday school class taught by one of these pupils of the Training school, nine women have this year received baptism, while eight more have been brought into the church through other workers.

An auxiliary of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society has been organized recently, with thirty members, pledging the support of one scholarship in the Training school for the next year. The society is known as the "The Higgins Memorial Auxiliary," and belongs to New England Branch. Already the women are praying that the time may soon come *when in every church in Japan there shall be an Auxiliary of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society!*

The church in Yokohama has become entirely self-supporting, and among the Bible women there is an increasing number of those who, out of their limited income give cheerfully their tenth to the support of the Lord's work. In Nagoyo a few meetings were held in February, and services held in a village three miles distant. As a result, a weekly service has been kept up there ever since. The people are very anxious for a girl's school at this place. The addition to the Training-school has been completed, and Mrs. Van Petten has the position of Principal, as Miss Holbrook was invited to become a teacher in the Empress's Girl's School, founded three years since for the daughters of the nobility. It certainly is a remarkable event for a pronounced Christian woman to be tendered a place as teacher in this school. It is hoped that the repairs on Memorial Home will be completed before winter.

#### NAGASAKI.

*Work opened in 1879.*

#### MISSIONARIES.

##### *Nagasaki.*

Miss E. RUSSELL,  
Miss E. EVERDING,  
Miss M. J. ELLIOTT.

##### *Fukuoka.*

Miss J. M. GHEER (home on leave),  
Miss LIDA B. SMITH,

The year just closed in this field has proved no exception to the seven years of prosperity that preceded it. While there has been no marked



revival spirit, there has been a steady religious growth. In the Nagasaki school there were but five baptisms, but the older girls are almost all in the church. There are seventy Christians in the school, and a sweet spirit prevails. The girls say there is no quarreling since they learned of this new way. The school enrolled one hundred and twenty-five. The classes made good advancement during the year, only five being below the standard for passing to a higher grade. In another year the first class of teachers passing the full course will be ready to begin work. Miss Russell says:

“More than ever before, the missionary spirit seems to be developed among the students who are beginning to show something of what it means to feel the ‘Divine Go,’ and see a ‘why’ for the presence of missionaries in their midst. It was a question often asked ‘what motive can these foreigners have in being here and taking students without pay?’ Among our new scholars brought in in the last six months, and who are pure heathen, there is a fruitful field which they occupy with zeal, and yet with a good deal of tact. In March, we organized the Sunday school into a missionary society, and our collections average more than two dollars a month. Considering the income these young people have, their returns compare favorably with some of your rich churches.”

The Fukuoka school has also passed a prosperous year; seventy pupils, of whom ten are boarders. The outside trouble of last year that was feared would militate against this school, has not had a lasting effect, and the future seems a very hopeful one. The new building so badly needed here for home and school, and which was provided for by the thank offerings of the North-Western Branch, is being rapidly pushed to completion. In Fukuoka, as in Nagasaki, the girl's school is a powerful auxiliary to the church and Sunday school, and to the Sunday school Missionary Society. They have also an auxiliary to the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, formed by Miss Gheer over a year ago. Twenty dollars collected from this society was brought home by Miss Gheer when she returned in July for a much needed rest. Seven years and a half of almost uninterrupted labor made a return absolutely necessary, and some one to take her place should now be on her way. Miss Russell, too, needs relief, but is holding her post until some one can take her place.

During the year a school was opened in Kagoshima, by two girls from the Nagasaki school, who had completed the course with the exception of English. Their parents live in this city and the school is carried on in a part of the house occupied by the native pastor, so that though unmarried they are protected, and they seem to be filled with the true spirit of missions. They have twenty pupils and also a fine opportunity for work among women. They tell of going to a neighboring village and talking to a company of two hundred women. Much good is hoped from this little beginning, which is but a token of the coming army to take this island for Christ.

This work has been carried on by the scholarships furnished these girls by the New York Branch for support in the Nagasaki school.

The dress reform which is creating such a stir in Japan, has suggested the idea of turning the Industrial Department into a means of providing many girls with employment, and also furnishing a new avenue for reaching those who might stand aloof, in teaching the girls to cut and fit dresses. Miss Russell thinks such a department will pay its own way. Four new ladies seem imperatively needed, but only three are asked for in the estimates. Miss Russell closes her appeal for help in these words:

“The doors are opening wider and wider in Japan. I hope the church will see in this the answer to prayers offered, and send the messengers. You may look for increasing calls and thank God for them. They mean, that the hour approaches when if the church shows faith and courage, Japan can be taken for our Lord and His Christ.”



# SUMMARY.

STATIONS.	BOARDING SCHOOLS.										DAY SCHOOLS.					TRAINING SCHOOLS.					SUNDAY SCHOOLS.					Value of W. F. M. S. Property.				
	Foreign Missionaries	No. of Brlng Schools.	Scholarships in Boarding Schools.	Pupils in Boarding Schools.	Boarding Pupils.	Day Pupils.	Self-Supporting.	Partially supported.	Wholly supported.	Native Teachers.	Christians in Boarding Schools.	No. of Day Schools.	Pupils in Day Schools.	Teachers in Day Schools.	Private Schools Visited.	Pupils Instructed in Private Schools.	No. of Bible Training Schools.	Students in Training Schools.	Self-Supporting.	Native Teachers.	Bible Women Employed.	Women's Meetings Weekly.	No. of Sunday Schools.	Pupils in Sunday Schools.	Conversions.		Baptisms.	On Probation.	No. of Rented Buildings.	
Tokyo.....	5	1	63	138	108	30	68	57	13	6	6	0	5372	9	..	...	...	...	...	...	..	5	12*5	589	31	8	21	6	\$10,000	
Yokohama..	2	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	3	175	6	100	1	25	19	6	2	3	5*4	675	..	22	9	3	3,500		
Nagasaki..	3	1	57	125	95	30	45	40	40	2	3	70	1	20	2	0	0	1	2	..	3	8+1	250	...	...	...	...	...	{ 10,000 2,000	
Hakodati...	2	1	54	91	67	24	34	38	19	5	1	30	1	40	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	3+3	150	...	...	...	...	...	10,000	
Fukuoka...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	54	3	...	...	1	5	..	5	3	...	1	....	...	...	2	.....	.....	
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TOTAL	14	3	174	354	270	84	147	135	72	13	10	160	11	661	21	2	100	3	32	19	2	16	33	15	1724	39	38	40	1	\$35,000

\*Two in connection with Parent Board.

† One in connection with Parent Board.

M. S. HAMPTON, Chairman of Committee.

## KOREA.

*Work Commenced in 1885.*

## SEOUL.

## MISSIONARIES.

MRS. M. F. SCRANTON,

MISS META HOWARD, M. D.

MISS L. C. ROTHWEILER.

The work in Korea has been re-inforced this past year by the arrival of Miss Dr. Howard, and Miss Rothweiler. Mrs. Scranton has had a great deal of work on her hands. It was impossible for her to begin work among the women until her house was arranged, and it was possible for her to take them under her immediate care. Mrs. Blackstone's liberal gift of \$3000, with some additional help, has given the Society a home. For beauty of location, there is not anything more desirable in the city of Seoul. It is so arranged as to make a comfortable home for the teachers, and also convenient for the women who may come for instruction. The women of Korea can be reached, though they are more secluded than in China, the better classes only appearing outside of their homes in the evening hours. The terrible scourge of cholera which prevailed for some months, closed the school for a time. Mrs. Scranton says:

"I believe I told you about the promise of the President of the Foreign Office to do something for me which would show the people that I had the confidence of the Government. He did not forget his promise. A few days after, he sent the school name, which we were expected to have framed as all government notices are framed, and shortly after, there followed a *kenison*. The *kenisons* are soldiers who are attached to certain officials, always acting as escort whenever they go out. They carry letters, and do similar errands. They cannot be employed by any one except by special favor of the king; so you see the presence of such a man about the place, or with me when I go out, in Korean estimation is really a great thing. I have to pay the man, of course; but I am glad to have the opportunity, for it will, I think, be an advantage to us and our work in many ways.

"The school-name is in no degree wonderful; it is only the royal setting which gives it importance. The Koreans call women (when they wish to be specially sweet and poetic) *pear-flowers*; so our school is the "Pearl Flower School." I am told that at first they gave it a name which would have suited me exactly; namely, 'Entire Trust School.' Probably this meant less to Korean officials than it would have meant to me. At any rate, they appear to think they have done a better thing by changing it to the one which now hangs over the big gate."

Some of the difficulties connected with life in Korea may be learned from the following facts. "Very little," says Mrs. Scranton, "can be bought in this country. Whether we wish to do it or not, if we eat anything but

Korean food, or wear anything but Korean clothes, we must buy them across the seas. When the need arises for even a paper of pins, there must needs a letter go to Shanghai, Nagasaki, or Yokohama, for them. The Chinese and Japanese are beginning to bring in a few things, but the probability is, that for a long time at least, we must depend upon getting our supplies from abroad."

#### WORK IN THE INTERIOR.

"The time has come," adds Mrs. Scranton, "when we should prepare for an advance movement. There are regions beyond, which must be taken for the Master. There are two or three places we have in mind where we hope mission stations will soon be established. The Romanists are already counting their converts by the thousands, and are only waiting the coming of the French Legation to throw off their disguises and enter with more zeal than ever into the work. All the money needed to carry it on is theirs to command, neither do they 'count their lives dear.' Shall we hesitate to advance?"

"A Korean came to see me yesterday and we had a long talk about the state of the country. He told me about many who were reading the Bible and longing to be taught in reference to its truths. I often feel that these people, many of them, are more willing to receive the Gospel than we are to give it to them. I could not understand *all* this man said, but there was something to the effect that the women who were reading did not dare come to my house, but if there could only be a place somewhere, where some one could *go to them*, and teach them, it would be *very good*. I promised him that just as soon as help came to *me*, I would study very hard and get ready as soon as possible to go into Korean homes and teach them about Christ.

"It is only two years and three months since we came here. As I look back now over the days, it seems like looking back into utter darkness. We could scarcely see a step before us. The Government and the people were so suspicious that if we had not known to a certainty that the Lord was on our side, and that we were here by His command, I am sure that many times we should have felt the case was hopeless. But, we began by taking the one step we could see and then the next, and have not from the beginning done a single great thing. It has just been little bits of common things all the way along and the kind of work which did not appear to mean so very much while we were doing it. But God has crowned it with His blessing. Just now as I write I hear the sound of the saws and the hammers, and the voices of the workmen who are so busy upon the new school building belonging to the Parent Board. A little nearer to me still is Dr. Scranton's hospital. If you could see the people who go there every day and hear some of their expressions of gratitude for good received, you would think at least some were disarmed of their prejudices. Two or three days ago a man upon being dismissed from the hospital turned to those who

were standing about and said, 'I am cured. I am going to my home. I shall not walk, I shall leap. The great Doctor has given life to a dead man.' Even the King himself says, 'The hospital is a very *thanking* thing.' And then, here is this beautiful home, the property of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, and our eleven girls. If you could have attended our prayer meeting this week and heard these children's voices in 'We praise Thee O God, for the Son of Thy love,' and again in 'Saviour like a shepherd lead us,' and have looked into their bright happy faces, I think you would have felt that work in Korea pays. For my part, accustomed as I am to the sight and sound, the tears came into my eyes, and such a tremulousness into my voice as to make it necessary for me to render silent rather than vocal praise. When we can take time to stop long enough to think a little about these things, do you wonder we feel like singing the doxology so that 'all the earth can hear.'

"You prayed for us, and prayed earnestly at last Executive meeting and the 'Lord hearkened and heard,' and 'graciously answered.' This year I want you to give us one hour again. Of course I won't mind if you pray just a bit for the rest of the world, and yet this is *pre-eminently Korea's hour*. Let praises and prayers be intermingled. Praise Him that He has given so much greater success than we, with our weak faith, thought could be possible in so short a time. And then pray earnestly that we may be still more 'marvellously helped.' The workers here need grace in the measure of which Faber tells us, '*not in rills—but in cataracts.*' And what do not my poor people need?"

## BULGARIA.

*First Missionary of W. F. M. S. sent in 1884.*

### MISSIONARIES.

MISS LINA M. SCHENCK,

MISS ELLA FINCHAM.

Instinctively with the name Bulgaria we associate revolutions and constant changes, but amid and under all the political seething, there has flowed a very small but steady undercurrent of religious influence, which bids fair to deepen and widen until it becomes a potent force in shaping the religious future of the country.

Our schools are located at Sistof, Orchania and Rustchuk, with Bible work at Rustchuk and Orchania and a boarding school at Loftcha. Miss Schenck, with native assistants, has carried on the work at Loftcha, but was joined by Miss Fincham, sent by the North-western Branch. Regarding the school which closed in July, Miss Schenck writes: "The assistant teacher has done good work, and the improvement of pupils has been marked. Three were received into the church into full connection, one on probation, and others have steadily grown in grace and stability of Christian character. Our congregations include many of the best young men in the town, and the women come in greater numbers."



Under date of September 9, Miss Schenck writes of greatly increased strength, resulting from her summer journey. She says: "It has been a very busy time with me since I returned from England, it being especially difficult to manage all the business without Brother Challis; but we are fairly started on our new term, with twice as many pupils as we have ever had before. We have been obliged to put the primary department into a separate house, as there was not room for them in the main building. Many of these are day pupils. We might have taken half the children of the city into our school if we had had room for them. We have forty-seven pupils enrolled.

The work is developing far beyond my highest hopes in every direction. The Bible women report a wonderful interest among the women in the villages, and they say that there is work for twenty additional women to travel all the time. Our school is so popular here that the authorities are becoming alarmed, and in some instances prominent people have been urged not to set "such a bad example" as to patronize our school, but *unavailingly*, and these examples will have much influence. Our Sunday school is so crowded that there is scarcely room for our girls. The young preacher newly stationed is very earnest, devoted and helpful."

Miss Schenck expresses great gratitude to those who so energetically pushed the project of sending Miss Fincham to her relief,—working as she constantly was, up to the very limit of her strength, and desiring to make the school even more efficient and the work outside among the women of larger proportions. Of this labor among the women much is expected, as they are a very social people and many of them can be reached in no other way.

Miss Schenck is superintendent of all our four primary schools, and visits them as often as possible; one is connected with the school at Loftcha. The one at Sistof numbered last year thirty pupils, and is in charge of a competent teacher. The school at Rustchuk numbers twenty, and needs another teacher in order to establish two grades and be prepared for the large patronage which awaits it in that growing city. The school at Orchania, numbering ten, is taught by a graduate of the Loftcha school. There are openings for two other schools, which will probably be opened next year, and with a little help be largely self-supporting. A spirit of friendliness prevails in the country where only a few years since Protestants were stoned in the streets.

## ITALY.

*Work commenced in 1877.*

MISS EMMA M. HALL, MISSIONARY.

The difficulties attendant upon our work in Italy can only be comprehended by those familiar with the workings of Romish powers. We have as yet only one missionary in the field, Miss Hall, whose work is supple-

mented by that of thirteen Bible women. In order to acquaint the Bible women with the methods employed by Americans in their evangelistic work, Miss Hall supervises the work of each, requiring regular and full reports, and occasionally visits them in their work and gives them instruction therein. It is the fixed opinion of all engaged in the labors of our Methodist mission there, that it is a very needful and legitimate part of the work of Bible women to visit more or less in the families of our members and impart instruction to those who may have given their names to the church, but have never known much of its doctrines, or experienced a change of heart.

One year ago Miss Hall had under her charge eleven Bible women, she now has thirteen and is beginning in another place. It has been a year of beginnings, and in one sense a year of experiments. None have succeeded up to the full measure of Miss Hall's hopes, although she reports that on surveying the whole field, there is progress—there is more faithful effort being put forth, and greater activity. Her tours of supervision have been of great profit to her in understanding the work and workers, and the women have profited thereby.

At *Bologna* there has been a goodly increase in the Sabbath school. One of the special features there, was the little meetings organized in different parts of the city at the houses of the church members which are attended by Roman Catholic neighbors. Mrs. Lopez, our reader there, has been discontinued, and Miss Hall has great hopes of being able ere long to employ one who is not wife of the pastor, in order to give the movement a continuity that it could not otherwise have. Bologna is one of the points where they must develop and solidify, making it a centre for the smaller places about.

*Florence.* Mrs. Willis, wife of the pastor, was [employed there for a short time, but not being strong, resigned the last of January. Mrs. Fabroni was installed and commenced work soon after. At the close of August thirty-four families were on her visiting list, thirteen evangelical, twenty-one Romanist. Mrs. Fabroni's husband, a retired army officer, is earnestly devoted, and of great assistance to his wife.

*Toggia.* Mrs. Taglionlutela is still there. Her August report gives twenty-four families on her visiting list, nineteen Romanist. An important point, and the popular character of the social life will make it a very favorable place for our work. Mrs. Taglionlutela has more than doubled the number of names on her visiting list since her report in November.

*Milano* being an important and enterprising city, our work should have there large proportions. Mrs. Campari, the reader there, has suffered great persecution and loss for her evangelical doctrines. She is earnest, and desirous to receive instruction, and profits from suggestions. Mrs. Stози is also employed there and has particular facilities for reaching the people, as her husband has a school in another part of the city, so that they have two quite distinct centers of work.

At *Modena* we have had Mrs. Cruciani, but there were exceeding difficulties at that point, and embarrassed by these difficulties and not having great strength Mrs. Cruciani was transferred at conference to Forni, but on account of illness has not been very active, but sends encouraging words.

*Naples.* Mrs. Conte reports twenty-three families on her visiting list, sixteen Roman Catholics. Some of these families she has dropped because she found they were expecting only pecuniary advantage. She is a very sweet-spirited woman and has wonderful tact in introducing the subject of religion. A mother's meeting has been established, garments are made which they can have at a very low figure, payments being made as they can, and garments taken when entirely paid for. During the sewing, religious instruction is given. There is also a Bible class established by Mrs. Conte.

At *Perugia*, Mrs. Stasio being obliged to resign, and for lack of some one to take charge of it, the work is suspended.

At *Pisa*, Miss Biondi has shown great activity. She reports on her visiting list thirty-eight families, thirty Roman Catholic. She has gathered up some children, who come to her two or three times a week for lessons in reading and writing. She has always mingled with these studies Bible verses, prayer, and singing. Mrs. Palmieri was at Pisa until conference time, having on her list twenty-four families, sixteen Roman Catholic. Her mother's meeting was the most successful of any that we had.

At *Foli*, Mrs. Palmieri as the wife of the pastor, is endeavoring to open work.

*Rome.* Mrs. Mande has thirty-seven families, twenty Romanist. Her work in the Sabbath school and visits resulting in securing scholars for it, have been excellent. The school numbers sixty. A mother's meeting is also established here.

At *Turin*. Miss Monta is all alone in her work, but has had a good influence over some strong Roman Catholic acquaintances.

At *Venosa*, Miss Nittie succeeded Miss Conte, and reports that her work in visiting in Sunday school and mother's meeting, has been very satisfactory.

At *Melfi* two sisters, Misses Pierro, cousins of Miss Nittie, are voluntary workers. They have gathered a little Sunday school which is now flourishing.

At *Soccero*, a young, energetic, Neapolitan lady opened school October third, with prospect of success.

At *Taranto* Miss Gay has recently commenced, and reports certain openings. Considerable has been done also in distribution of Bibles and tracts, not indiscriminately, but judiciously. From November 1 to September 1, the readers reported 104 Bibles distributed, 129 Testaments, and 239 portions, such as the gospels and psalms; 34,906 pages of tracts are recorded as distributed. Something over 200 little meetings held, total attendance, 1500.

Miss Hall has made in this ten months ten trips to the various stations, occupying from one to six weeks. Miss Hall accompanies the Bible women, studies the local conditions of the work, consults with the pastor, and plans for the workers, corresponding with absent ones, having a record of 289 letters written in its interests.

Three or four girls have been offered to our missionary to be cared for by our society and brought up as Protestants, but we have neither home nor support for them. Yet must we not, ere many years, care either in Kindergartens, boarding, or at least day schools, for these whose minds are un-biased, and whose hearts are tender and impressionable, and so hasten the day when gospel light shall shine upon priest-ridden, bigoted, yet beautiful Italy.

## SOUTH AMERICA.

*Work commenced in 1874.*

### ROSARIO.

#### MISSIONARIES.

MISS JENNIE M. CHAPIN.

MISS LOU E. DENNING.

It is impossible to include in this brief report the many things that seem needful to give a correct estimate of the devotion, earnestness, heroism, and efficiency of the little band of workers here, and what has been accomplished by them during the year, crowded as it has been with great care, anxiety, and constantly increasing work. No words of praise would seem too high,—but their *works*—they testify to their fidelity,—and the record is on high!

The schools had been very prosperous all through the year, when the sudden appearance of cholera so alarmed the authorities that all schools were closed, which prevented the usual public examination of our own schools at the end of the year,—an event which in previous years has done much toward securing the confidence of the community, thus increasing the patronage so desirable and essential in maintaining first-class schools in such a community.

With the pall of death everywhere about them, hundreds dying daily, Miss Chapin writes: “The terror and alarm is greatly increased, because many *believe* that the authorities give medicine to kill those who are attacked, in order to exterminate the disease. A ‘Lazaretto’ was instituted, and many were compelled to go there. A poor woman, violently attacked with cramps, locked her door, and having nothing else in the house, took salt, and prayed to Jesus to save her from death if possible. She slept, and waking took cold water, and she says, ‘*Jesus saved me surely.*’ She was not afraid to die, but feared they would burn her body perhaps before dead! We are hoping to escape. We take the best of care of ourselves, are careful about our food, and then trust the Lord to preserve us from the scourge, which is devastating the city! Those were days of waiting and trusting, for

well we knew that He only could save us from the "pestilence that walketh in darkness, and the destruction that wasteth at noonday!" More recently the most malignant type of small-pox has prevailed, proving very fatal; but from this scourge also has our mission family been exempt.

Nine girls have been received into the Home, who may be classed as "cholera orphans." Two have lost both parents, two the father only, and three the mother. Two of these are children of an evangelist, who was working in Mendoza when the cholera was raging so fearfully there. He went among the sick and dying, administering to their wants, spiritual and temporal, and was himself stricken down, leaving his wife and three little girls without funds!

She and her husband were once Roman Catholics; and so she naturally turned to the *church* to see what it would do for her in this her time of need, the ladies at the Home felt that they could no less than take her two oldest girls, one six, the other three years of age. The mother wants to work for the Lord, and is a successful Bible woman, going from house to house, reading and selling Bibles.

This increase of family necessitated enlarging the accommodations, so that they should be comfortable. Four small, poorly ventilated rooms were taken down, and a large dining-room, with dormitories over it, substituted, which has added much to both the comfort and convenience of the large family, now numbering twenty-four. As this was a real necessity, and there was no opportunity to confer with the home authorities, the ladies, with characteristic promptness, aided by the counsel of a personal friend and business man, who kindly offered to oversee the building, made this change, involving an expense of \$1500, upon which they report a debt of \$1000. Both schools opened in March, and have had upward of 250 pupils, with a larger average attendance than ever before.

Of the "second school" Mrs. Turney writes: "This is a primary school, not a large room, but crowded with children, most of whom are Italians; some come clean and well dressed, but most of them ignorant of what cleanliness means! But there is improvement in this regard. I enjoy this work very much, and shall leave it with many regrets."

The presence of a Spanish pastor in the church there is a great relief to our missionaries in the matter of church work, which has pressed so heavily upon *them* for the last three years. There is preaching in Spanish twice every Sunday, once at the church and once at the school, with Sunday school, and a prayer meeting once during the week.

Before leaving Rosario, we should call attention to this item reported by Miss Chapin, as "Donations for Orphans, \$396.75." These donations we regard as sent by the "Giver of all good," as they were unsolicited by us. They were used for the object specified.

In Montevideo the work of the schools established by Miss Guelfi has been continued and somewhat extended during the year, notwithstanding



the discontinuance of a part of the appropriations asked for this purpose,—strong reasons existed for this. The work was in progress, and in the eye of the public formed an important part of our operations there, and the sudden discontinuance of an enterprise of such magnitude might result disastrously to our mission, as it could not be fully and satisfactorily explained to the public without involving the church somewhat, and it would be a great discouragement to our people. Fourteen schools are reported, twenty-six teachers and assistants, and six hundred and twenty-five scholars.

The new superintendent makes a strong appeal to this committee for liberal appropriations for this work until they can reach the basis toward which they are aiming—self-support. They ask for a lady to be sent from home to superintend this important work.

In Buenos Ayres the work was practically suspended for several months. The second school, opened so promisingly last year, was closed. In the spring, in expectation of the arrival of a lady from home, the first school was re-opened by Mrs. Thomson, with between thirty and forty pupils in attendance. If a lady can be sent to this field soon, the work can be re-organized with increased efficiency. Mr. Drees writes: "There is now in all this region a commercial and industrial activity, a ferment of thought, a freedom from traditional bonds, which make this situation much more favorable to the progress of the gospel than that which I have known in Mexico. Ours is the only great aggressive evangelizing agency in all the valley of the La Plata, and its tributaries. A vast amount of preparatory work has been done, and results must accumulate rapidly in the immediate future. We must go forward."

## MEXICO.

*Work commenced in 1874.*

### MISSIONARIES,

MISS M. HASTINGS,  
MISS S. M. WARNER,  
MISS E. LE HURAY,  
MISS N. C. OGDEN,

MISS M. DE F. LOYD,  
MISS HATTIE AYRES,  
MISS NELLIE FIELD,  
MISS LIZZIE HEWETT.

The mission in Mexico is partaking of the aggressive spirit which, at the present time, seems given by God to all places where effort is put forth to extend Christ's kingdom. The new work among the Indians commenced by this Society last year, has proved satisfactorily successful, notwithstanding a strong and unlooked for opposition was developed. Also several new stations among these same people are ready to be entered, if we can supply laborers and money.

The presiding elder of the Eastern District, Mr. Greenman writes: "Miss Hewett is making a fine beginning in Tetela; some thirty girls have been registered, a number of whom are really young women, she has secured the attendance of a good proportion at Sunday School, and her labors promise



to exert a marked influence in that section of the mission field." Many of these people have never even heard of a Bible, some being forbidden by the priests to attend the school or church, will come in to the evening family prayer, or listen through a partially open door to the religious services.

"The Apizaco school is still under the care of Srta. Concepcion Orcillez, a sister of Miss Warner's second assistant. She has registered eighty girls this year, and has an average attendance of fifty, and the school has paid in tuition, so far, about thirty dollars, which it is proposed to apply towards the purchase of a baby organ."

The school in Orizaba has enrolled forty-five pupils up to September 1. The average attendance is twenty-five. It has given eight probationers to the church during the year. As our work is extending rapidly along the coast, Orizaba will soon be an important centre, and it is very desirable that a lady missionary should soon be sent to have charge.

The last Mexican Conference sent Miss Le Huray to Miraflores, where she is assisted by Tèofila Barrera and Carlota Gutierrez, both girls educated in the Orphanage. Miraflores is a manufacturing little town, controlled by the owner of the cotton factory, Mr. Robinson, and cannot be called a Romish town, notwithstanding this, there is very little knowledge of true religion. The mothers are too busy or too tired to go to mass, and all their minds are wholly absorbed in providing for their families. All the children old enough and not employed in the factory, attend the school. In the primary or kindergarten department, the children are taught by Tèofila entirely without books, and have short school hours, as soon as they have learned to read in easy words, the girls are transferred to the principal school-room, where there are fifty-seven pupils under the care of Miss Le Huray and Carlota. The attendance is too irregular to bring any of the scholars to a high grade; market days and festivals make many absentees.

Miss Le Huray visits much among the families of her scholars and in the village, sowing the seed of gospel truth, and helping the women to a higher life. She deeply feels her responsibility, and is sometimes called upon for most unusual services. In the absence of the preacher she has even buried the dead. She writes that her two assistants are a source of never failing satisfaction and are developing into good and reliable girls.

In *Puebla*, Miss Warner was left without sufficient assistance when Miss Hewitt was removed to Tetela, and the arrival of Miss Ogden in the middle of April was a most needed relief. Miss Ogden immediately took some of the English classes and commenced a kindergarten course for the little ones. This has proved such an attraction, that it has brought thirty additional scholars into the school, and she has accomplished a most difficult task in interesting a number of native women in a kind of sewing society, with a regular membership fee, the profits of which are used in defraying the kindergarten expenses. She has also taken Mrs. Greenman's Bible class for women, the infant school on Sunday, and a class of larger girls in the Sunday school.

The school in Puebla now numbers ninety-seven, the advanced classes studying Book-keeping, Chemistry and natural Philosophy, and translating an English work on Physiology, into Spanish.

"The Bishop of Puebla is evidently becoming alarmed at the spread of Protestantism within his diocese, and a recent proclamation of his, forbids Romanists, under pain of excommunication, to send their children to Protestant schools, or to be employed by that sect in the capacity of servants, mechanics, teachers, &c., or to sell them the necessary materials for the consummation of their enterprises, &c., &c." These severe measures are not endorsed by the Government.

Mrs. Angela L. Ricoy, a widow, and one of the most intelligent women of the congregation, has succeeded Mrs. Lozada as Bible reader in Puebla, and is doing her work faithfully.

The school in Pachuca during the summer has been under the care of the new missionary, Miss Field, whose presence in Mexico allowed Miss Hastings to take a greatly needed rest. It still continues its influence and usefulness.

The Mexican Orphanage has also been subjected to some changes. Miss Ayres has taken Miss Le Huray's place, and as she was new to both climate and language, the year has been to her one of physical and mental preparation. The school however under Miss Loyd's admirable management has kept up its efficiency and discipline, and continues to send out teachers for the increasing native work. The following former pupils are now engaged in teaching: Coucha Xochihua, Fermina Ruiz, Jovita Gutierrez, T  ofila Barrera, Herlinda Pompa and Carlota Gutierrez. Besides two of the girls are now married to two of the native preachers employed in the work. The school now numbers about eighty pupils, thirty-seven of whom live in the house. Mr. Butler writes that owing to the wise administration of the present Superintendent, Miss Loyd, the estimates for this institution have been considerably reduced, not because of any diminution of work, but because she insists that whenever Mexican friends are able to assist in the education of the children they should do so, and she is very desirous of assisting in the burden of paying for the property."

The women's meeting in Mexico reports an encouraging increase of members and attendants.

Since the departure of Miss Latimer, the school in Guanajuato has been under the care of Mrs. Wilson, who is reported as having sustained it in numbers and discipline. Mrs. Craver still keeps the oversight of the work in Queretaro.

Active persecution in Mexico is kept down only by the strong arm of Government protection, but "The wrath of man shall praise thee: the remainder of wrath shalt thou restrain."

RECEIPTS OF SOCIETY SINCE ITS ORGANIZATION.

## MISSIONARIES OF THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

APPOINT	MISSIONARIES.	POSTOFFICE ADDRESS.	BRANCHES.	FORMER RESIDENCE.
1869.....	Miss Isabella Thornburn.....	Home on leave.....	Cincinnati, O....	Delaware, Ohio.
1870.....	" Fannie J. Sparkes.....	" ".....	New York.....	Ringhampton, N. Y.
1872.....	" Gertrude Howe.....	Kiu Kiang, China.....	North-Western.	Lansing, Mich.
1872.....	" Lucy A. Hoag, M. D.....	Chin Kiang, ".....	New York.....	Ann Arbor, Mich.
1872.....	" Louise E. Blackmar.....	Lucknow, India.....	Des Moines.....	W. Springfield, Pa.
1874.....	" Susan M. Warner.....	Puebla, Mexico.....	Cincinnati.....	New Orleans, La.
1874.....	" Mary Hastings.....	Pachuca, Mexico.....	New York.....	Chelsea, Mass.
1874.....	" Jennie M. Chapin.....	Rosario, Argentine Rep., S. A.	New England..	Chicopee, Mass.
1874.....	" Lou B. Denning.....	" ".....	North-Western.	Normal, Ill.
1878.....	" S. A. Easton.....	Cawnpore, India.....	Cincinnati.....	Washington, D. C.
1878.....	" Matilda A. Spencer.....	Tokyo, Japan.....	Philadelphia....	Germantown, Pa.
1878.....	" Mary J. Holbrook.....	Yokohama, Japan.....	Cincinnati.....	Hawleytown, N. Y.
1878.....	" M. E. Layton.....	Home on leave.....	Baltimore.....	Columbia, Pa.
1878.....	" Clara M. Cushman.....	" ".....	New England..	Lawrence, Mass.
1879.....	" Elizabeth Russell.....	Nagasaki, Japan.....	Cincinnati.....	Keyser, W. Va.
1879.....	" Jennie M. Chier.....	Home on Leave.....	New York.....	Bellewood, Pa.
1880.....	" Annie B. Sears.....	Peking, China.....	Cincinnati.....	Bucyrus, O.
1880.....	" Annieadden.....	Pilhoragarh, India.....	New York.....	Almorah, India.
1881.....	" Minnie Hampton.....	Home on Leave.....	" ".....	New York, N. Y.
1881.....	Mrs. Carrie Van Petten.....	Yokohama, Japan.....	North-Western.	Neponset, Ill.
1881.....	Miss Emma S. Knowles.....	Nani Tal, India.....	New England..	Newark, N. J.
1881.....	" Phoebe Rowe.....	Lucknow, ".....	North-Western.	India.
1881.....	" Francis J. Wheeler.....	Kiu Kiang, China.....	" ".....	Chicago, Ill.
1882.....	" Anna P. Atkinson.....	Home on Leave.....	New York.....	Cazenovia, N. Y.
1882.....	" Esther J. DeVine.....	Lucknow, India.....	Cincinnati.....	Marietta, O.
1883.....	Mrs. Charlotte M. Jewell.....	Peking, China.....	New York.....	California.
1883.....	Miss Rebecca J. Watson.....	Tokyo, Japan.....	Topeka.....	Nebraska.
1883.....	" Emma J. Eyverding.....	Nagasaki, Japan.....	Baltimore.....	Syracuse.
1884.....	" Ella J. Hewett.....	Hakodati, ".....	Philadelphia....	Gilead, Mich.

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APPOINT	MISSIONARIES.	POSTOFFICE ADDRESS.	BRANCHES.	FORMER RESIDENCE.
1884....	Miss Emily L. Harvey.....	Cawnpore, India.....	New England..	South Barton, Vt.
1884....	" Mary Christiancy, M. D..	Bareilly, ".....	".....	Washington, D. C.
1884....	" Fannie M. English.....	" ".....	New York.....	Seneca Falls, N. Y.
1884....	" Clara A. Downey.....	" ".....	".....	Rome, N. Y.
1884....	" Margaret C. Hedrick.....	Calcutta, ".....	".....	S. Charleston, O.
1884....	" Sarah DeLine.....	Bombay, ".....	North-Western.	Elwood, Ill.
1884....	" Mary Red.....	Cawnpore, ".....	Cincinnati.....	Crooked Tree, O.
1884....	" Hattie Mansell.....	Home on Leave.....	".....	Delaware, O.
1884....	" Catharine Corey, M. D....	Foochow, China.....	North-Western.	Michigan.
1884....	" Mary C. Robinson.....	Chin Kiang, China.....	".....	"
1884....	" Carrie L. Jewell.....	Foochow, ".....	Cincinnati.....	Harmar, O.
1884....	" Lizzie M. Fisher.....	Home on Leave.....	Baltimore.....	London, O.
1884....	" Eleanor Le Huray.....	Miraflores, Mexico.....	New York.....	Summit, N. J.
1884....	" Mary De F. Loyd.....	Mexico City, Mexico.....	Philadelphia..	Hillsboro, O.
1884....	" Laura M. Lathier.....	Home on Leave.....	New England..	Chicago, Ill.
1884....	" Lina A. Schenk.....	Lofchea, Bulgaria.....	North-Western.	Muskegon, Mich.
1885....	Mrs. M. F. Scranton.....	Seoul, Korea.....	N. E. & N. Y..	Cleveland, O.
1885....	Miss Anna D. Glass, M. D..	Tientsin, China.....	North-Western.	Chicago, Ill.
1885....	" Theresa J. Kyle.....	Lucknow, India.....	Philadelphia..	Mt. Pleasant, Pa.
1885....	" Sarah Lauck.....	Moradabad, India.....	".....	Beaver, Pa.
1885....	" Elizabeth M. Hall.....	Rome, Italy.....	North-Western.	Cazenovia, N. Y.
1885....	" M. J. Elliot.....	Nagasaki, Japan.....	Cincinnati.....	Greenburg, O.
1885....	" Lida B. Smith.....	Fukuoka, ".....	New York.....	Syracuse, N. Y.
1885....	" Julia Wisner.....	Rangoon, Burmah.....	Cincinnati.....	Berea, O.
1886....	" Lizzie Hewitt.....	Tetela, Mexico.....	North-Western.	Gilead, Mich.
1886....	" Anna Lawson.....	Bareilly, India..	Des Moines.....	Ottumwa, Ill.
1886....	" Delia A. Fuller.....	Lucknow, India.....	New England..	Boulder, Col.
1886....	" Kate McDowell, M. D....	Moradabad, India.....	Philadelphia..	Philadelphia, Pa.
1886....	" Ornel Miller.....	Cawnpore, ".....	Cincinnati.....	Huntsville, O.

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APPOINTED	MISSIONARIES.	POSTOFFICE ADDRESS.	BRANCHES.	FORMER RESIDENCE.
1886.....	Miss Susan M. Pray, M. D.....	Home on Leave.....	New York.....	New York City.
1886.....	" Nellie R. Green.....	Peking, China.....	New England..	San Francisco, Cal.
1886.....	" Anna M. Kaulback.....	Tokyo, Japan.....	New York.....	Waverly, N. Y.
1886.....	" G. M. Rulofson.....	Yokohama, Japan.....	New England..	New Britain, Conn.
1887.....	" Anna L. Hips.....	Manila City, Mexico.....	Cincinnati.....	Hillsboro, O.
1887.....	" Edna T. Terry, M. D.....	Panama, China.....	New England..	Boston, Mass.
1887.....	" Mary A. Hughes.....	Madras, India.....	New York.....	Brooklyn, N. Y.
1887.....	" Mary A. Vance.....	Nanking, China.....	North-Western.	Moore's Hill, Ind.
1887.....	" Minnie F. Abrams.....	Tokyo, Japan.....	Des Moines.....	Burlington, Iowa.
1887.....	" Nellie C. Field.....	Bombay, India.....	Minnesota.....	Mapleton, Minn.
1887.....	" Nellie H. Field.....	Puebla, Mexico.....	".....	Springfield, O.
1887.....	" Sophia Blackmore.....	Poochow, China.....	New England..	Dover, N. H.
1887.....	" May E. Carlton, M. D.....	Pachuca, Mexico.....	".....	Boston, Mass.
1887.....	" Louisa C. Rothweiler.....	Singapore, Straits Settlement.	Minnesota.....	Australia.
1887.....	" Ella B. Fincham.....	Nanking, China.....	New York.....	Brownsville, N. Y.
1887.....	" Anna G. Hines.....	Seoul, Korea.....	Cincinnati.....	Berea, O.
1887.....	" Anna G. Hines.....	".....	North-Western.	Albion, Mich.
1887.....	" Anna G. Hines.....	Loftedra, Bulgaria.....	".....	Potosky, Mich.
1887.....	" Anna G. Hines.....	Lucknow, India.....	Baltimore.....	Newport, Ky.



## MISSIONARIES OF THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.—Continued.

ACCEPTED BUT NOT APPOINTED.				
MISSIONARIES.	POSTOFFICE ADDRESS.	BRANCHES.	FORMER RESIDENCE.	
Miss Eva R. Hinkle.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
" Julia Bonafeld.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
" Georgiana Dean.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
" Florence Terine.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
" M. A. McClintock, M. D. ....	.....	.....	.....	.....
" Izilla Frusberger, M. D. ....	.....	.....	.....	.....
" Louise Oelhorn.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
" * Estelle Files.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
" Emma Washburn, M. D. ....	Calcutta, India.....	.....	.....	.....
" Ella Johnson.....	Trained nurse, accepted for Foo- chow, China.....	.....	.....	.....
" G. Potter.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
" Emma Garver.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
*Sailed for India early in November. ♦				
MISSIONARIES WHO HAVE RETURNED ON ACCOUNT OF ILL HEALTH, AND WHOSE RETURN IS UNCERTAIN.				
APPOINT	MISSIONARIES.	WHERE EMPLOYED.	BRANCHES.	PRESENT ADDRESS.
1878.....	Miss M. E. Priest.....	Hakodati, Japan.....	New York.....	Canandaigua, N. Y.
1878.....	" Eugenia Gibson.....	Lucknow, India.....	".....	Albany, N. Y.
1878.....	" Clara L. Mulliner.....	Mexico City.....	".....	Caudeu, N. J.
1879.....	" Kate C. Bushnell, M. D. ....	Kiu Kiang, China.....	North-Western ..	Denver, Col.
1879.....	" Della Howe.....	".....	Philadelphia ..	Lansing, Mich.
1879.....	Mrs. E. J. M. Clemens.....	Rosario, South America.....	North-Western ..	Washington, D. C.
1878.....	Miss Mary F. Swaney.....	Mexico.....	Baltimore.....	Leavenworth, Kan.
1880.....	" E. Yates.....	China.....	New England ..	Round Pond, Me.



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APPOINT	FORMERLY EMPLOYED.	
	MISSIONARIES.	POSTOFFICE ADDRESS.
1869.....	Miss Clara A. Swain, M. D.....	Khetri, India.....
1871.....	" Carrie McMillan.....	Mrs. Rev. P. M. Buck, Almorah, India...
1871.....	" Maria Brown.....	" Rev. G. R. Davis, Peking, China....
1871.....	" Jennie Tinsley.....	" Rev. J. W. Waugh, Dwarahat, India.
1873.....	" S. F. Lemming (Mrs. Shepherd).....	Health failed. Returned to U.S. May, 1874.
1873.....	" Nannie Monelle, M. D.....	Mrs. H. Mansell, Bareilly, India.....
1873.....	" Lucinda L. Coombs, M. D.....	" Rev. A. Strittmatter, Columbus, O....
1874.....	" Letitia Mason, M.D. (Mrs. Quinn).....	Health failed. Returned to U.S. Aug. 1876.
1874.....	" Anna Julia Lore, M. D.....	Mrs. Rev. G. H. McGrew, Meriden, Conn.
1874.....	" D. E. Shoemaker.....	" Dora S. Sopher, Chicago, Ill.....
1876.....	" Mary C. Cary.....	" Frank Davis.....
1876.....	" Olive Whiting.....	" Rev. C. Bishop, Tokyo, Japan.....
1872.....	" L. M. Pultz.....	Health failed. Returned, 1877.....
1871.....	" M. L. Porter.....	Mrs. Rev. F. D. Gamevell, Chung King, W. China.
1882.....	" Margaret Elliott.....	Married in 1883.....
1880.....	" Kate Woodworth.....	Married in 1883.....
1881.....	" E. I. Hoy.....	Mrs. J. C. Lawson, Seetapore, India.....
1879.....	" Mary Sharp.....	Recalled.....
1877.....	" Leonora Howard, M. D.....	Married in 1884.....
1878.....	" Julia A. Sparr, M. D.....	Married in 1884.....
1883.....	" M. Hugoboom.....	Married in 1884.....
1874.....	" S. Trask, M. D.....	Married in 1885.....
1882.....	" E. J. Benton.....	Mrs. Geo. W. Elmer, Yokohama, Japan..
1882.....	" Estelle Akers.....	Married in 1885.....
1883.....	" M. McKesson.....	Married in 1886.....
1883.....	" Laura Hyde, M. D.....	Mrs. F. W. Foote, Cawnpore, India.....
1880.....	" Julia Goodenough.....	Married in 1886.....
1881.....	" Ellen Warner.....	Mrs. D. O. Fox, Bombay, India.....

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## REPORT OF HOME WORK.

## NEW ENGLAND BRANCH.

This Branch as its title indicates, includes the geographical territory bearing this name, the six Eastern States of the Union, with headquarters in Boston.

## OFFICERS.

<i>President</i> .....	MRS. W. F. WARREN, 329 Broadway, Cambridgeport, Mass.
<i>Cor. Secretary</i> ..	M. P. ALDERMAN..... Hyde Park, “
<i>Rec. Secretary</i> .....	MISS C. A. RICHARDSON..... Malden, “
<i>Treasurer</i> .....	MRS. J. P. MAGEE..... “ “

## CONFERENCE SECRETARIES.

<i>East Maine</i> .....	MRS. B. F. JEWELL.....	Orrington, Me.
<i>Maine</i> .....	“ H. M. HUMPHREY, 217 Cumberland St.,	Portland, Me.
<i>New Hampshire</i> ...	“ M. S. JUDKINS .....	Bristol, N. H.
<i>Vermont</i> .....	“ A. S. BAILEY.....	St. Johnsbury, Vt.
<i>Troy (fractional)</i> ..	“ C. M. HILLMAN .....	Troy, N. Y.
<i>New England</i> ....	“ M. A. DORCHESTER.....	Chelsea, Mass.
<i>N. E. Southern</i> ...	“ M. C. JAMES .....	Rockville, Conn.
<i>N. Y. East. (frac.)</i> “	B. G. LOWREY.....	New York
<i>New York (frac.)</i> .	“	

In gathering up the results of another year's work, it is with profound gratitude that we acknowledge the help and presence of Him whom we serve, in all our efforts to advance this work. All along the way by which we have come, are memorial stones bearing the simple inscription,—“Ebenezer.”

We commenced the year with the inspiration of the meeting of the General Executive Committee within our territory. This occasion was characterized by so much of the Divine presence manifested in all the services,—social, business and devotional, that the influence will remain as a perpetual benediction, on individual hearts and our work as well.

The thrill and glow of quickened life reached out to the very “extremities,” giving more vigorous and healthy development and growth. One feature of this meeting, which has been of special benefit, was the afternoon hour, devoted to the discussion or consideration of subjects bearing on practical work, both at home and abroad. The results are seen in the increased intelligence, and consequent deepening and broadening of the work in many of its departments. No year in our history has been so marked by *activities* among our home-workers as the one we review to-day.

Not only have the agencies and instrumentalities previously employed been faithfully utilized,—intensified in many places by a fresh unction

from the Divine Spirit,—but additional means have been devised, specially on lines of work among the young ladies and children. We cannot by any means report the prayers offered, the sacrifices made of time, strength, means, personal ease or convenience by those who have been doing this work, but we do know that five auxiliaries mean at least five thousand regular monthly meetings,—to which may be added six conferences and twenty-one camp meeting anniversaries, a score or more district conventions, besides many public meetings,—and there must have been a very close and inseparable connection between the *working* and the *praying*!

The blessed consciousness in many hearts that all this has been done in His name, for His sake, has been an inexpressible joy,—while the reflex influence has been apparent in a deeper, fuller, personal consecration, and consequent spiritual life and growth among the workers.

As in former years, we are greatly indebted to our returned missionaries, who seem never to tire of the services they can contribute toward creating and maintaining a lively interest among the women and children in our homes and churches, for the uplifting of our sisters in the “lands of darkness.” We are quite happy, nay more, we are full of thanksgiving to the glorious Giver of all good that some of these grand men and women make their homes with us,—it may be until they go to the “prepared mansions” in the heavenly inheritance.

The work among our young people and children is *the* item demanding our joyful praises! Miss Cushman has been organizing Mission Bands, Young People's Societies, scattering books for “helps,” “I'll Try Cards,” “Penny Gatherers” and “Mite Boxes,” enlisting interest, enthusiasm, and laying good foundations for this rising generation to become emphatically a missionary generation,—not only to care for the work here, but in train for the ranks in the field.

This problem of tremendous importance is placed in our hands to solve,—“How can we best educate and mould and stamp this element, that it may become the strongest, mightiest agency in bringing this world to Christ!—Corner-stones, polished after the similitude of a palace in the grand superstructure, the head-stone of which shall be brought forth with shoutings of grace, grace unto it! While we receive this work with rejoicing, surely nothing short of wisdom from above can give direction to this rapidly developing source of power and efficiency. Progressive we are, and must be in all legitimate ways, but we cannot be too cautious, too reluctant in endorsing methods which savor too much of the worldly secular policy of secret organizations which lure on to membership by external attractions or trappings. Let the young be taught to serve and give from the purest motives—for Jesus' sake!

Our missionary literature has never been more abundant or satisfactory. *The Heathen Woman's Friend* maintains its high standard and character,—and should be in the hands of every woman in our church who presumes to

offer the daily petition, "Thy kingdom come!" Our present list of subscribers is 2,876.

The Leaflets are of interest to all, and have come to be a necessity in our work, furnishing material for awakening and developing interest in missions and missionaries. Three hundred and two thousand, eight hundred and sixty pages of these quiet little messengers, six hundred and twenty-five of "Seventeenth Annual Report of the Society," and two thousand Branch Annual Reports have been distributed, four hundred "Penny Barrels" and two thousand five hundred "Mite Boxes" have been added to those previously found in the homes of our patrons.

We have sent to the foreign field during the year three ladies:

Dr. Terry to Tsun Hua, than whom no one could be better adapted to inaugurate medical missionary work in that district. Energetic, quiet, devoted, she will be the true missionary,—laboring for souls as well as bodies; and Miss Field to Pachuca, where her hands and time are filled with work. She has a class of ten girls in English, the oversight of the Spanish school, crowded to its utmost capacity. She has made remarkable proficiency in the language, being able to converse quite intelligibly with the people.

Miss Hartford is now *en route* for Foochow. Possessing superior abilities as a teacher, with thorough Normal training, she will be a most valuable acquisition to that mission. She has adaptation to and love for evangelistic work, as has been demonstrated while in the training school in Chicago.

We support eleven missionaries in the field. Three are home whose names have been on our list for the last few years, whose return is doubtful. We have one candidate ready for work, and two in the Chicago training school, who will, we trust, be sent the coming year.

This brief summary is but the merest outline of the work of the Branch done during the year. We have had royal privileges as daughters of the King—not only a place in the palace as members of His household, but have been granted a share in the work of the Kingdom!

In the coming year may we honor Him by more absorbing love, more incessant toil, more earnest prayers and more unwavering faith.

"The Lord of hosts is with us,  
The God of Jacob is our refuge."

#### SUMMARY OF HOME WORK.

Auxiliaries and Bands, 525; members, 14,671; life members (new 71), 1,107; honorary managers (new 3), 43; life patrons, 12; conference secretaries, 8; district secretaries, 32; subscribers to *Heavenly Woman's Friend*, 2,876; pages of leaflets, 302,860; branch annual reports, 2000; general annual reports, 625; mite boxes added, 2,590; penny barrels, 400.



## SUMMARY OF FOREIGN WORK.

Missionaries .....	11
Assistants .....	20
Medical assistants.....	4
Matrons .....	3
Bible women and teachers.....	91
Orphans.....	46
Girls in boarding schools.....	87
Girls in medical schools .....	3
Scholarships .....	32
City and day schools.....	54
Boarding schools, share in five.....	5

The Executive Committee of the New England Branch meets the second Wednesday of each month, at 36 Bromfield Street, Boston, Mass.

## TREASURER'S REPORT.

Balance on hand Oct. 1st, 1886 .....	\$ 5,671 03
Received from Oct. 1st, 1886, to Oct. 1st, 1887.....	22,983 97
Total .....	\$28,655 00
Disbursements.....	25,224 47
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	\$ 3,430 53
Set apart as per appropriation.....	2,000 00
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Balance on hand.....	\$ 1,430 53

## RECEIVED FROM AUXILIARIES.

East Maine Conference.....	\$ 438 00
Maine “ .....	1,242 36
New Hampshire “ .....	2,261 04
Vermont “ .....	1,466 63
Troy (fractional) “ .....	671 21
New England “ .....	8,131 41
New England Southern Conference.....	3,006 83
New York East, (fractional) “ .....	2,944 63
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Total from auxiliaries .....	\$20,213 03

## NEW YORK BRANCH.

This Branch includes New York and New Jersey, with headquarters in New York City.

## OFFICERS.

<i>President</i> .....	MRS. JAS. A. WRIGHT,....	452 Lexington Ave., N. Y.
<i>Cor. Secretary</i> .....	“ W. B. SKIDMORE,.....	230 West 59th St., N. Y.
<i>Rec. Secretary</i> .....	“ J. H. KNOWLES,.....	Newark, N. J.
<i>Treasurers</i> .....	{ MRS. J. M. CORNELL,.....	141 Centre St., N. Y.
	“ H. J. HEYDECKER,.....	234 W. 48th St., N. Y.

## CONFERENCE SECRETARIES.

<i>Central N. Y. Conf.</i> {	MRS. J. EASTER,.....	Marion, N. Y.
	“ S. B. ROBINSON.....	Clyde, N. Y.
<i>Erie Conf.</i> .....	MRS. E. A. TARBELL, 126 E. Main St.,	Titusville, Pa.
<i>Genesee Conf.</i> ..... {	MRS. J. T. GRACEY, ...	202 Eagle St. Buffalo, N. Y.
	“ F. G. HIBBARD, .....	Clifton Springs, N. Y.
<i>N. Y. Conf</i> .....	MRS. HANNIBAL ROBINSON.....	46th 10th St., N. Y.
<i>N. Y. East Conf.</i> .....	“ A. LOWREY, .....	217 Second Ave., N. Y.
<i>Northern N. Y. Conf.</i> ..	“ GEO. GORDIN, ....	52 E. Cayuga St., Oswego.
<i>Troy Conf.</i> .....	“ JOSEPH HILLMAN, .....	Troy, N. Y.
<i>Wyoming Conf.</i> .....	“ D. C. OLMSTEAD, ....	Nanticke, Luz Co., Pa.
<i>Newark Conf.</i> .....	“ J. H. KNOWLES, ....	Newark, N. J.
<i>New Jersey Conf</i> .....	“ D. D. LORE,.....	Summit, N. J.

The work of the New York Branch during the past year has been characterized by persistent earnest effort. The conference and district secretaries have faithfully co-operated with the local societies in raising the increased amount pledged at the last General Executive meeting by the Branch corresponding Secretary. That we have had our times of doubt and discouragement during the year we cannot deny. But never has the Master failed to supply all our need, while often we have had to take to ourselves the words spoken to Peter, “Oh thou of little faith, wherefore didst thou doubt.” Notwithstanding the perplexity and trials with which some of our workers have had to contend, we are convinced that this work for woman has taken deeper hold upon the hearts of the women of the church during the year, and there are more of those who work because they love the work, more of the deep abiding spirit of loving service than ever before.

Encouragement comes to us in the reports from district meetings, which have largely increased in number. Some of the districts have almost reached our ideal, an auxiliary in every church. And we are hopeful that the time is coming when this shall be told, not only of districts, but of conferences.

We have in our branch territory, eleven conferences, five of them are fractional. The reports from all the conference secretaries are full of encouragement. The increase in the number of organizations is greater

than ever before, and in most of these conferences, not one auxiliary has died or fallen asleep.

We are glad to report that the interest continues among the young people, and the Bands have increased in numbers. These societies, we believe are vital to the success of our future work, and they demand special attention of the secretaries, as every means should be used to strengthen their growth and intensify their interest.

Two young women have gone to the foreign field this year, from our branch. Miss May Carleton, M. D., to Nanking, China, and Miss Mary L. Hughes, to India. We hope this coming year to supply some of the places made vacant by the return of those who have worked far beyond their strength while waiting for reinforcements. A new feature of the work in our branch is the organization of societies in the German conferences by Miss Dwyer. We have had reports from ten of these auxiliaries and we heartily welcome this addition to our working force. Already one young lady, daughter of a German pastor, has been impressed to educate herself as a medical woman, to work among her heathen sisters.

The zenana paper fund is not completed, though the money has been coming in slowly during the year. Our assessments were \$3000, and we have raised \$2,300.

The circulation of the *Heathen Woman's Friend* is a matter of great importance to the work and we should be glad if our contributors could understand the pleasure and profit there is in receiving this monthly visitor.

The paper maintains fully its character for missionary intelligence and editorial ability. We regret to report a decrease of one hundred in the circulation. The mite barrels this year have taken the place of the boxes, and as they are very inexpensive, we have distributed them freely and they prove good collectors. The "Leaflets" have come to us as usual, and have been sown broadcast over the branch.

The boxes that have been sent to foreign missions by various auxiliaries, and especially the large ones sent by our President to India and Japan, have given great pleasure to the girls in our schools and orphanages, and are a great relief to the missionary in furnishing rewards and Christmas gifts. These girls like others look forward to the holidays and graduating time, with large anticipations, and the boxes have become a necessity.

The spirit of missions, especially in the Northern part of our branch, has been increased by the "International Convention" of returned missionaries, held two successive years at Thousand Island Park. The influence of this unique meeting could not be limited to any place, however grand and beautiful in nature. It found its way into the thought and life of the men and women who were present.

Other parts of the branch have had the inspiration of the anniversaries held at Round Lake, Mount Tabor, and Ocean Grove, to which we are so largely indebted financially.

In this as in past years, we owe much of our success to the return missionaries, who have helped us in our public meetings. Dr. Thoburn spoke in most of the Spring conferences on "Woman's work for woman," in India. He gave emphatic endorsement to the good already accomplished, and urged us to send "more laborers into the fields, white unto the harvest." Mrs. Thoburn has given us the need for, and results of medical work, as only a medical woman can see them. And our hearts have been filled with pity and compassion.

Miss Sparkes has been pleading for a "Christian Home" for medical students in Agra, where they may combine Christian training with medical study.

Miss Cushman has flitted through the branch, telling the needs of China with magnetic power.

Miss Rowe, in the relation of her simple Christian experience, and her appreciation of those who have gone to India to help the women they did not know, has affected us deeply, and for many days we shall hear the echo of her charming voice in the plaintive strains of India's native music. One such trophy for Christ as Phoebe Rowe, is more than compensation for a missionary life of labor and sacrifice, even with the loss of health, and we thank God that Isabella Thoburn, who won her to Christ, ever went to India.

#### SUMMARY OF HOME WORK.

Auxiliaries, including 91 "Mission Bands".....	increase 120	912
Contributing churches, unorganized.....		216
Annual members.....	increase 1,208	28,250
Life members.....	" 78	1,223
Honorary managers.....	" 5	84
Life patrons.....	" 2	18
Conference Secretaries.....		11
District Secretaries.....		40
Subscriptions to <i>Heathen Woman's Friend</i> ....		3,586
Pages of Leaflets.....		150,000
Annual reports of W. F. M. Society.....		800
"    "    New York Branch.....		2,000
Mite barrels distributed from December to October.....		4,309
Mite boxes    "    "    "    "    ".....		1,061

## SUMMARY OF FOREIGN WORK.

Missionaries, two of them medical .....	15		
Zenana teachers and assistants .....	16		
Bible women, India.....	38	Day schools, Mexico.....	2
"    China .....	3	"    South America .	1
"    Japan.....	2	Scholarships, India .....	8
"    Bulgaria .....	1	"    China .....	11
"    Italy.....	4	"    Japan .....	44
"    Mexico .....	3	"    Bulgaria .....	6
Day schools, India .....	30	Orphans, India .....	109
"    China.....	4	"    Mexico .....	12
"    Japan .....	4	"    Korea .....	2
"    Bulgaria .....	2		

## TREASURER'S REPORT.

*October, 1886, to October, 1887.*

## RECEIPTS.

Central N. Y. Conf. ....	\$4,066.08
Erie .....	159.80
Genesee.....	3,981.04
New York .....	7,502.47
New York, East .....	5,172.76
Northern N. Y. ....	3,958.34
Troy.....	5,321.76
Wyoming .....	1,577.02
New Jersey .....	3,248.18
Newark.....	3,896.33
East German.....	152.27
Miscellaneous .....	1,053.29

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\$40,089.34

## DISBURSEMENTS.

India.....	\$11,355.54
China .....	8,733.80
Japan .....	7,262.83
Korea. ....	795.00
Mexico .....	4,720.00
Bulgaria.....	790.00
S. America .....	800.00
Italy .....	1,056.00
Domestic expenses.....	852.55

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\$36,365.72

Balance October 1, 1886 .....	3,056.59
Receipts for year.....	40,089.34

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\$43,145.93

Disbursements .....	36,365.72
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Balance in hand October 1, 1887 .....	\$6780.21
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## PHILADELPHIA BRANCH.

This Branch includes Pennsylvania and Delaware, with headquarters at Philadelphia.

## OFFICERS.

*President*, MRS. MARY SPARKES WHEELER, 2349 E. York St., Philadelphia.

*Cor. Secretary*, MRS. SARAH L. KEEN, 1209 Arch St., Philadelphia.

*Rec. Secretary*, MISS E. A. TOWNSEND, 1711 Spruce St., Philadelphia.

*Treasurer*, MRS. J. S. CHAHOUN, 134 S. Fourth St., Philadelphia.

## CONFERENCE SECRETARIES.

<i>Central Penn.</i> ,	MRS. R. HINKLE, Danville, Montour Co., Pa.
<i>Erie (fractional)</i>	“ E. A. TARBELL, 126 E. Main St., Titusville, Pa.
<i>Genesee</i> , “	“ T. J. BISSELL, Olean, N. Y.
<i>Central N. Y. (frac.)</i> ,	MISS ISABEL PRATT, Towanda, Bradford Co., Pa.
<i>Philadelphia</i> ,	MRS. S. M. VERNON, 1725 N. Seventh St., Phila., Pa.
<i>Pittsburgh</i> ,	“ E. D. VANKIRK, Forbes St., Oaklands, Pittsburgh.
<i>Wilmington (fractional)</i>	“ E. B. STEVENS, 227 Boundary Ave., Baltimore.
<i>Wyoming</i> “	“ E. L. OLMSTEAD, Nanticoke, Luzerne Co., Pa.

The six missionaries under the care of Philadelphia Branch have all done faithful work; in labors have been abundant; and in pain and weariness oft, but always with strong, cheerful faith and brave hearts have entered every open door. One of the most successful efforts towards the rapid evangelization of Japan has proved to be the itinerating tours that are taken by the missionaries, both male and female.

During the last year Miss Spencer has made several of these, sometimes travelling for five or six weeks, accompanied only by a Bible woman. Women's meetings are held, crowds assembled to see her magic lantern, hear the truth preached, seed is sown in new places, and the weak and lonely disciples are built up in faith and courage. The cause is advancing in Japan far more rapidly than we can follow on with supplies. Miss Hewitt steadily, and with a heart more and more wedded to the work, is pursuing her way in Hakodati, faithfully trusting in God for strength and help.

In India Miss Kyle has charge in Lucknow of the zenana work, which embraces the women in three hundred houses, and to this has been added the classes in the girls' high school left vacant by Miss Mansell's illness and departure to America. Miss Lauck has the zenana work in Moradabad, with some village and school work.

Dr. McDowell has had an unusual experience in a phase of oriental life, differing much from her daily visits to the poor in their mud huts. She was called to spend a month in attendance upon the Maharani of Pauna, where she was royally entertained. She was successful in her efforts, and returned to Moradabad with much honor and attention from the grateful lady and



her husband, and a substantial gift of eight hundred rupees as an appreciation of her skill.

Miss Loyd, notwithstanding her own illness for a time, and that of Miss Ayres, has greatly increased the efficiency of the orphanage and school in Mexico City, and strives to bring those under her care to a personal knowledge of salvation through Christ.

The reports from our Bible women in Japan, India, Bulgaria, Italy and Mexico, the letters from orphans, scholarships, and schools have proved the needed incentive to a continuance of interest among our auxiliaries.

Nothing but a knowledge of the facts in Pagan life can stir the hearts of those who are blessed with the light of the Truth. St. Paul's description of the heathen world in the first chapter of Romans, is a heart-rending, vivid picture of its immorality and degradation, and that picture drawn nineteen hundred years ago is a true delineation of those of today who have not heard of Christ. It was not until the mists had cleared from Paul's own soul, by that blinding blaze of the face of God's own Son, and the surpassing light and glory had hidden earthly scenes from his eyes, that he saw first his own sin, and then the vileness of the world that lay in wickedness around him. It is ever thus, the Lord must first be revealed, and the world shut out for a while, that the soul may gaze upon transcendent purity, before we can comprehend the misery of sin and the depth of degradation of those who have never heard those blessed words: "Behold the Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world." This word has been spoken in our ears, and the Son of Righteousness has kindled a fire in our souls, with which we are endeavoring to touch with flame other hearts; we do not find them all responsive. Indifference and prejudice will not always yield to words that flow even from glowing hearts, only persistent, cheerful toil and patient love can win the way through these obstacles, and the blessed Lord who will not willingly suffer us to lack any good thing needed to make us workmen not to be ashamed, sends the discipline of hard places and sometimes seemingly unfruitful toil. All His vineyard must be tilled, the cold and barren soil as well as the fertile plain, for "The earth is the Lord's and the fulness thereof."

When we went to our homes from the General Executive Meeting of 1886, full of inspiration and zeal kindled from the lips of those devoted and saintly missionaries who had told the story of Jesus' love to those that had never heard, we felt as if the facts we had learned were irresistible, that from such a mount of transfiguration light would glow upon all the months and all the work of the year, and the Lord has been with us, and the light of His countenance has shone upon us, but not in brilliant success. His appointment for us the past year has been rather to dig deeper foundations, to clear broader fields, and not to build higher structures and gather more abundant fruit. We have not collected as much money as in the previous year, having had but one small bequest of fifty dollars, and no large donation,

but sixty-four new auxiliaries have been formed, and 2,400 new members added to our number, which we trust will make their own record in our treasurer's report of next year.

#### FOREIGN WORK.

Missionaries .....	6
Native Teachers, Bible Women and Assistants.....	28
Orphans and scholarships .....	84
Native day schools.....	22
Buildings contributed to.....	4

#### HOME STATISTICS.

Auxiliaries . . . . .	net increase, 61	450
New Auxiliaries . . . . .		64
Members, . . . . .	increase, 2400	13,800
Life Members . . . . .	" 53	388
Honorary Managers . . . . .	" 1	23
Life Patrons . . . . .		5
Subscribers to H. W. F. . . . .	increase, 212	1,981
Mite boxes distributed . . . . .	" 228	1,156
Leaflets . . . . .	250,000 pages.	
Mission boxes sent . . . . .		4

#### BALTIMORE BRANCH.

This Branch includes Maryland, District of Columbia, and Eastern Virginia, with headquarters at Baltimore.

##### OFFICERS.

*President*, MRS. F. A. CROOK, Cor. Madison ave. & Townsend st., Baltimore.  
*Cor. Secretary*, MISS I. HART, 612 N. Calvert st., Baltimore.  
*Rec. Secretary*, MRS. DR. C. MORGAN, Calverton, Baltimore Co., Md.  
*Treasurer*, MRS. M. G. HAMILTON, 661 W. Fayette st., Baltimore.

##### CONFERENCE AND DISTRICT SECRETARIES.

##### *Baltimore Conference.*

*Baltimore District*, MRS. H. C. TUDOR, Waverley, Baltimore Co., Md.  
*W. Baltimore* " " S. M. HARTSOCK, 1409 W. Lombard st., Baltimore.  
*E. Baltimore* " " W. M. WINTS, 1738 E. Baltimore st.  
*Washington* " " J. McK. REILY, 3318 O st., Washington, D. C.  
*Cumberland* " " C. W. BALDWIN, 114 S. 10th st., S. W. Washington, D. C.

##### *Wilmington Conference, (fractional).*

MRS. E. B. STEVENS, 227 E. Boundary ave., Baltimore, Md.

A French writer, as wise as he was witty, spoke of language as the instrument by which thought is concealed, realizing its insufficiency and poverty in revealing the deepest, best things. So sometimes it seems to us a Report,

with its bare figures, its surface facts, its skeleton form, is like the outer garment, concealing rather than revealing the life, the thought, the glow that throbs and burns beneath. So year after year as we seek to bring together a summary of our Society or Branch work, the facts seem tame, the figures hard, the skeleton very dry, unless one skilled to know can read between the lines the toil, the sacrifice, the prayer, of which more or less every auxiliary is the exponent, and every dollar the result. Every worker in the work for this Society knows just what this means, and yet the story never loses its pathos or its power. The record of our year has been full of these stories, illuminating as with a divine light all its pages, and as again and again they have fallen on our ears, we have rejoiced in them as proofs that this work is indeed of God, and that His spirit is deepening its hold on the hearts of our women.

Of the missionaries sent out by the Branch, Miss Layton has returned after eight years of faithful and honored work in Calcutta. Miss Fisher has also been compelled to return because of ill health after three years of remarkably devoted and successful service in Foochow, Miss Everding is faithfully at her post in Nagasaki, Japan; and Miss Gallimore has been accepted, and is about to leave for North India.

That our Branch has been without a representative from our own country in N. India has been a matter of regret, but we have been singularly happy in the character of the workers raised up for us on the field: Mrs. Whitby representing us in Paori, Miss Boyd in Dwarahat, Miss Singh in Naini Tal, Miss Seymour in Moradabad, Miss Stephens in Madras—all unexcelled among English or Eurasian workers. These and the medical assistant in the Bareilly Hospital, the two assistants that have been carrying the medical work in Moradabad, five Bible women, thirty-four scholars in orphanages, with five village schools, represent the Branch work in India. In China, one missionary in Foochow, with one hospital deaconess, four medical students, the running expenses of the City Hospital, sixteen children in boarding school, five day schools, with a few children that escaped with Miss Howe from West China to Kiu Kiang, are our representatives, while we have in Japan, one missionary, three Bible women, the day schools of Kanda Dist., twelve orphans, and, in Mexico, two orphans, and Roman Bible woman, Mrs. Mando.

#### FOREIGN WORK.

Missionaries, four; assistants, five; medical assistants, three; hospital deaconess, one; medical students, four; Bible women, eight; village schools, nine; orphans, sixty-five.

As we look within our borders it is to find many marks of healthy growth and encouragement, yet abundant evidence that we have not as yet attained or are already perfect. We do not know that there has been occasion to pronounce the funeral dirge over any auxiliary, although some languish. Eleven new ones have been organized during the year. In many the monthly

meetings are occasions of great interest and profit, the uniform lessons being earnestly studied, the routine business regularly attended to, and there being devout waiting upon God for the outpourings of His spirit and the salvation of the world, while still with others the query is how to secure regular attendance and general interest. But the demonstration has been abundant, and strong, that no greater power for intellectual, social and religious good lies within the range of our church work than in these monthly meetings. As might be expected this demonstration is more readily given by our young people, whose growing interest in this work is our chief source of hope and pleasure. To extend this interest the literature of the Society has been freely circulated. While the subscription list to the *Friend* is still far below what it should be we are glad to report an addition of 155. Various means beyond the membership fee have been adopted to swell the funds. An Easter offering was made, mite boxes were distributed, entertainments were given. Quarter after quarter with anxious hearts these receipts were counted, and during the early part of the year with grave doubts as they seemed to fall below the standard of our needs and even of last year's receipts, but when at the last quarterly meeting of the year larger receipts were poured into our treasury than ever before at any one time, we thanked God and took courage, rejoicing that we were still on the upward grade, our receipts being \$290 in advance of last year, this without bequest or special gift. Our annual meeting was more largely and generally attended than ever before, and fully up to the standard in interest and usefulness.

Of course any report we make seems meagre, any summary small as compared with those of the branches geographically great and rich in resources that have preceded and will succeed ours, but these humble gleanings we would lay at the feet of Him whose also we are, whom also we serve, and in the consciousness of whose guidance and blessing we do rejoice.

## HOME SUMMARY.

Auxiliaries .....	11 increase,	141
Members.....	400    "	5,340
Subscribers to " <i>Heathen Woman's Friend</i> ".....	115    "	865
Life members.....	12    "	177

## FOREIGN SUMMARY.

Missionaries.....	4
Assistants.....	6
Medical Assistants.....	3
Hospital Deaconess.....	1
Medical Students.....	4
Bible Women.....	9
Village Schools.....	8
Orphans.....	65

## TREASURER'S REPORT.

Balance on hand October 1, 1886.....	\$ 5,062 38
Receipts October 1, 1887.....	8,909 25
Total balance and receipts.....	\$ 13,971 63
Disbursements.....	10,109 19
Balance in Treasury.....	\$ 3,862 44

## CINCINNATI BRANCH.

This Branch includes Ohio, West Virginia, Kentucky, and Tennessee, with headquarters at Cincinnati.

## OFFICERS.

<i>President</i> .....	MRS. BISHOP CLARK, Glenway ave., Clifton, Cin., Ohio.
<i>Rec. Secretary</i> ....	MRS. C. W. BARNES, Winton Place, Cincinnati, Ohio.
<i>Cor. Secretary</i> ....	MRS. B. R. COWEN, 7 Crescent Place, Cincinnati, Ohio.
<i>Treasurer</i> .....	MRS. WM. B. DAVIS, Glenway ave., Clifton, Cin., Ohio.

## CONFERENCE SECRETARIES.

<i>Cincinnati Conf.</i> , .....	MRS. I. W. JOYCE.....	319 W. 7th st., Cincinnati, Ohio.
<i>Ohio</i> " " .....	J. H. CREIGHTON .....	Lithopolis, " "
<i>Central Ohio</i> " " .....	A. S. CLASON .....	Delaware, " "
<i>North Ohio</i> " " .....	H. BENTON .....	272 Sibley st., Cleveland, " "
<i>East Ohio</i> " " .....	E. HINGELEY .....	Salem, " "
<i>West Virginia</i> " " .....	F. HERMANS .....	Kingwood, W. Va.
<i>Kentucky</i> " " .....	G. E. SAVAGE .....	Covington, Ky.
<i>Holston</i> " " .....	A. C. KNIGHT .....	Athens, Tenn.
<i>Central German Conf.</i> .....	MISS LIZZIE BAUR .....	56 Milton st., Cincinnati.

"A mighty fortress is our God,  
A bulwark never failing,"

sung Luther in the dark days of the Reformation, and millions since have taken up the strain when rendering thanks for help in hours of trial and discouragement. And at the close of a year begun in weakness, darkened by sorrow, and bringing with it peculiar trials, the members of the Cincinnati Branch add this as their testimony: "The Lord is good, a stronghold in the day of trouble, and he knoweth them that put their trust in Him." Among the many reasons for devout thanksgiving may be mentioned the gratifying increase in our collections, the harmonious relations existing among our home workers, the increasing demand for missionary information, and added subscribers to the *Heathen Woman's Friend*, the aggressive work done by our young people, and the growing spirituality of auxiliary meetings and District Conventions, when these servants of the Lord have come together to plan and pray for the advancement of His kingdom. The Master has met with them, and their hearts have been "strangely warmed." Some of

these occasions are reported to have been Pentecosts, where the spirit seemed poured out on the waiting disciples. Another "token for good" is found in the number of young women preparing for foreign work. Every college has its representatives. In the state of Ohio alone there are twenty-six preparing with this definite idea in view, and those who feel they are so called are leaders in intellectual work as well as in spiritual gifts. This would indicate that God will call for a corresponding activity in giving, so as to meet this emergency, and it is hoped "His people will be willing in the day of His power." Only the paying members and auxiliaries have been counted. Each year brings some who fall out of line and are not counted when the muster roll is called. There have been new Auxiliaries, Young Ladies' Societies and Bands organized during the year. Each district has held a Convention and special meetings held at each Conference and Camp Meeting which have been occasions of much interest and profit. 3000 Annuals and 600 Executive Reports have been distributed, and the unusually attractive leaflets of this year have been scattered far and wide. The uniform study has been very helpful in bringing heathenism before our auxiliaries so that all can understand its hideousness.

Early in the year Miss Ayres left for Mexico, and Miss Miller for India, and both have been enabled to render most excellent service. The serious illness of Miss Nickerson, her subsequent death and burial at sea, were keenly felt in the Branch, and came to each with a feeling of personal loss. Those who had never seen her loved her for her work's sake. Bowing humbly to the will of Him of whom she said "makes no mistakes," we feel assured that whether

"Flung to the heedless winds,  
Or on the waters cast,  
The precious ashes watched by him  
Shall gathered be at last,"

and from this "shall spring a plenteous seed of witnesses for God." Her death was followed by the return of Miss Mansell as the only remedy for the results arising from a severe attack of typhoid fever. The mercy of God shown her in her perils by the sea, and her recovery, add to our sources of thanksgiving to-day. Miss Easton returns to India this month as she says, "to do better work in every line than in the eight years of service spent there before." She will be accompanied by Miss Phoebe Rowe, who came to bring Miss Nickerson, broken down working for her people, committing her trust to the God who gave it. She came on from Aden *alone*, and the six months since have been spent in labors most abundant, leaving a benediction wherever she has gone. Miss Gallimore will also sail with them. She goes from our hearts, and will be followed by our prayers, though we have allowed the Baltimore Branch the honor of sending her. Miss Warner, of Rangoon, who has given such faithful service for six years, has changed her field of missionary labor to that of pastor's wife and helper.



The thank-offering day was one of peculiar interests. Korea was made the subject of prayer and object for gifts, and special prayer was offered all over the Branch that God would direct in the selection of the teacher for that field. In what seemed a direct answer to these prayers, Miss Louisa C. Rothweiler was chosen, and sailed for her distant field September 21st, followed by the prayers of all, but especially by the German Methodists, who give in her their first missionary to the work of the W. F. M. S. Miss Sears and Miss Russell were granted leave to come home, but as there were none to take their places they are still holding their posts, though the necessity of a change is more pressing in each case. Every other appropriation has been met, and others not counted in last years estimates have made our outlay above what was assumed. But though the treasury was more than once nearly empty, still "the barrel of meal wasted not, neither did the cruise of oil fail, according to the word of the Lord."

## HOME SUMMARY.

Conference Secretaries.....	9
District Secretaries.....	44
Auxiliaries .....	695
Young Ladies' Societies.....	86
Bands .....	102
Members (aggregate).....	13,700
Life members, 190 new .....	1,300
Life managers, 5 new.....	90
Life patrons.....	8
Subscribers to H. W. Friend.....	2,425
"          to German Paper.....	139
Mite boxes and jugs distributed .....	6,347

## FOREIGN SUMMARY.

Missionaries .....	15
Teachers, East Indian.....	3
Teachers, Mexican.....	3
Bible women.....	64
Orphans.....	36
Scholarships .....	91
Training schools.....	2
Day schools.....	36
1 boarding school and part support of four others.....	
Sent for new buildings.....	83,000
Expended bringing home and sending out missionaries.....	2,900

## TREASURER'S REPORT.

Balance on hand October 1st, 1886.....	\$2,085 74
Receipts from Cincinnati Conference.....	6,609 94
“ “ Ohio “ .....	7,140 19
“ “ North Ohio “ .....	3,794 80
“ “ East “ .....	5,576 93
“ “ Central Ohio “ .....	2,807 28
“ “ Kentucky, Tennessee, and Atlanta Branch.....	1,103 56
“ “ West Virginia.....	660 56
“ “ Central German Conference.....	581 10
Other sources.....	358 36
Total.....	\$30,718 46
Disbursements .....	26,552 78
Balance in hand.....	\$4,165 68

## NORTH-WESTERN BRANCH,

Includes Illinois, Indiana, Michigan and Wisconsin, with headquarters in Chicago.

## OFFICERS.

<i>President</i> .....	MRS. ISAAC R. HITT.....	Evanston, Ill.
<i>Cor. Secretary</i> ....	“ H. M. W. HILL.....	Chicago, “
<i>Rec. Secretary</i> ....	“ L. A. CALDER .....	Chicago, “
<i>Treasurer</i> .....	“ F. P. CRANDON.....	Evanston, “

## CONFERENCE SECRETARIES.

<i>Rock River, Ill</i> ....	MRS. C. D. MANDEVILLE.....	Chicago, Ill.
<i>Central Illinois</i> ....	“ J. D. McDOWELL.....	Fairbury, “
<i>Illinois</i> .....	“ HORACE REED .....	Mattoon, “
<i>S. Illinois</i> .....	“ E. A. HYPES.....	Lebanon, “
<i>Indiana</i> .....	“ E. F. KELLY.....	Indianapolis, Ind.
<i>N. Indiana</i> .....	“ C. G. HUDSON.....	Anderson, “
<i>N. W. Indiana</i> ....	“ A. C. MCKINSEY .....	Monticello, “
<i>S. E. Indiana</i> ....	“ KATE L. HAYNES.....	Connersville, “
<i>Detroit</i> .....	“ F. D. YORK .....	Williamston, Mich.
<i>Michigan</i> .....	“ E. A. B. HOAG.....	Albion, “
<i>Wisconsin</i> .....	“ E. M. WILSON.....	Neenah, Wis.
<i>West Wisconsin</i> ...	“ L. LAWSON.....	Albany, “

From the various divisions of our steadily marching army we have tidings of progress. Financially, our receipts are larger than those of any preceding year; intellectually, missionary information has been more widely circulated, and spiritually, the seven thousand three hundred and thirty-seven

monthly, and the seven hundred and eighty-eight public meetings held during the year could but be productive of spiritual growth.

We have received on bequests previously reported, \$2,589.46 from the estate of Mrs. D. C. Scofield, of Elgin, Ill., and have purchased two perpetual scholarships, (\$2000), in the Chicago Medical College for the use of our medical students, in accordance with the wish of the testator. We have received \$478.09 from the estate of Mr. A. Devon, of Rushville, Ill., \$205.63 from the estate of Miss Kimball, of Wisconsin, and one large bequest is still in litigation. We have two medical candidates under our care in the first year of their studies, and two prospective ones. We circulate of the *Heathen Woman's Friend*, 4,590 copies. We have raised for the Zenana paper fund \$800. We have distributed 5,559 mite boxes, and received in collections from them \$2,163.65. We have raised \$50, our full appropriation for the monument to Ann Wilkins, the first missionary to Africa. The Photograph Committee have purchased fifty dozen of photographs of missionaries, and sold a sufficient number to realize a profit of \$70. Our Missionary Literature Committee have sent 282 packages of miscellaneous matter, also five diaries of missionaries, and 328 copied letters. The Publication Committee, through its secretary, Mrs. L. A. Calder and her assistant, Miss Straight, have sent out 2,500 Branch Reports, 18,300 official blanks, a large number of General Annual Reports, 263,816 pages of our leaflets, and quite a large number of copied letters. A large demand having arisen for leaflets published by others, the Committee purchased and kept on sale an assortment, the profit thereon enabling them to purchase a very excellent copying machine, to be used henceforth in copying missionary letters for gratuitous distribution. 2,500 General Annual Reports received and distributed. The Corresponding Secretary's Quarterly Report has been printed twice and sent out to all of the Auxiliaries, also a financial appeal, and a thank offering circular. Most of the Conference Secretaries have also issued appeals to their constituency. There are also issued monthly in our Branch by Mrs. S. A. R. Fish, over 19,000 four-paged lesson leaves, of which over 17,000 are sent to actual subscribers, finding their way into twenty-two states and some of the territories. Mrs. Fish also commenced in August the publication of a lesson leaf for the children's societies, under the editorship of Miss Franc Baker. It has already found its way into sixteen states and some of the territories in response to subscriptions.

Of children's bands we have sixty-five, a gain of fifteen over last year, which was in reality our initial year. In numbers they range from six members in a quiet hamlet, to seventy-one at Cass Ave. Church, Detroit. They in nearly every instance belong to the District Association, and always have a place on the program of their meetings. Arrangements have recently been made by which their funds shall be given to some one of our missionaries who shall be known as the very own missionary of the Children's Bands of the Branch. Miss Frances Wheeler has been designated as the missionary.

Interest among the young ladies has manifestly increased, and a number of boxes of gifts prepared by them have been sent to the teachers and orphans far away. Our thank offering anniversary, March 17, was very generally observed. The gifts amounted to \$4,516.13—\$4,000 of which was devoted to the erection of a school and home building in Fukuoka, Japan.

We have sent out during the year, Miss Ella C. Shaw to Nanking, China, Meta Howard, M. D., to Korea, Miss Ella C. Fincham to Bulgaria, and Miss Frances Wheeler returned to China, and Mrs. Van Petten to Japan. We have had valuable aid from Dr. and Mrs. Thoburn, also Miss Thoburn and Miss Rowe of India, Mrs. Stevens of Baltimore, Miss Frances Baker; and our returned missionaries, Miss Wheeler from China, and Mrs. Van Petten from Japan.

Work among the German population has not been prosecuted as vigorously as we desired, owing to Miss Dreyer's other engagements. But four new Auxiliaries have been organized, but the financial report shows a total of five hundred dollars, an excess of nearly three hundred over that of last year. Reports were received of an encouraging character from our Auxiliaries in Switzerland and Germany.

During the year we have come to the realization of our cherished hope of permanent headquarters. The commodious building known as the "Chicago Training School for City, Home and Foreign Missions," was completed in January, and an urgent invitation was tendered us to occupy free of charge one of its best and largest rooms. Generous friends donated furnishings, even an excellent desk, large maps, and shelves for our literature, and there in this building, which is in reality an outgrowth of the thought of our society, though in no sense supported by missionary money, we meet every two weeks to transact business and learn tidings from our missionaries. There we have had the pleasure of welcoming and bidding God-speed to six out-going missionaries, and from thence our Publication Committee sends forth its myriads of wisdom-laden sheets.

The earnest devotion to our cause was strikingly illustrated in an unexpected emergency for which there was no provision. Our missionary at Bulgaria, Miss Schenck, being physically unable to longer carry on her work without a helper, an appeal was made to send some one to her relief. Miss Ella Fincham, a former friend of Miss Schenck, was studying at Ann Arbor, Mich., preparatory to missionary work, and consented to go at once if desired. A call was made for funds to send her, leave obtained from the Committee of Reference, credentials passed, generous Michigan raised \$525, and Miss Fincham sailed August 25 for her destined place, Loftcha, which place she reached September 28, in excellent health.

A review of the work of the Branch shows steady advancement each year in method, in multiplied agencies, and real, genuine, stable activity. We have another desired privilege not yet granted. That is, a half column

weekly in the *Advocate*, published in our Branch, wherein shall appear notices and reports of meetings, and paragraphs from our missionaries' letters—a favor we hope to receive in the near future.

The entire work of the year, although full of cheer, has been exhausting, and the Branch Corresponding Secretary feels that it is expedient that she be relieved from its duties, but she lays it not down through lack of interest or with intention of being released from its active workers in this hallowed cause.

## SUMMARY OF HOME WORK.

Auxiliaries.....	964
Members.....	21,618
Life Members.....	297 new, 2,853
Honorary Managers.....	81
Honorary Patrons.....	13
Subscribers to " <i>H. W. Friend</i> ".....	4,590

## SUMMARY OF FOREIGN WORK.

Missionaries.....	15
Assistants.....	25
Bible women.....	6
Orphans and scholarships.....	129
Day Schools.....	12

## TREASURER'S REPORT.

Balance on hand, Oct. 1, 1886.....	\$ 1,349 12
Received during year to Oct. 1, 1887.....	43,278 07
Total.....	<hr/> \$44,627 99
Disbursements.....	43,962 25

Branch Executive Meeting the second and fourth Fridays of each month, at 9.30 A. M., at the missionary rooms, Chicago Training School, 114 Dearborn Avenue, Chicago, Ill.

## MINNEAPOLIS BRANCH,

Includes Minnesota, Montana, Idaho, Washington Territory and Oregon.

## OFFICERS.

*President*, MRS. EMILY H. MILLER, St. Paul, Minn.

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*Treasurer*, MRS. C. W. FOSS, Minneapolis, Minn.

*Recording Sec.*, MRS. J. M. HEARD, 1125 Nicollet Ave., Minneapolis, Minn.

*Agent Bureau of Supplies*, MRS. F. P. ATKINS, 288 Williams St., St. Paul, Minn.

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MRS. C. D. FOSS .....	1115 Nicollet Ave., Minneapolis, Minn.		
“ C. A. VAN ANDA .....	711 1st Ave., South	“	“
“ PASCAL SMITH .....	445 Laurel Ave., St. Paul,	“	
“ MILLER .....	St. Paul,	“	
“ HENRY MCKINSTRY .....	Winnebago City,	“	
“ S. B. STOCKWELL .....	Anoka,	“	
“ H. J. VAN FOSEN .....	Minneapolis,	“	
“ J. W. MARTIN .....		“	“
MISS MARY E. NORTON .....	Winona,	“	
MRS. HENRY BROWN .....	Walla Walla, Washington Territory.		
“ J. D. BLAKE .....	Minneapolis, Minn.		
“ S. W. MORGAN .....	Winona,	“	

## MANAGERS.

MRS. F. J. WAGNER .....	1861 Park Ave., Minneapolis, Minn.		
“ W. P. CHASE .....		“	“
MISS EUGENIA TAYLOR .....	720 6th Ave., South	“	“
MRS. H. F. LILLIBRIDGE .....		“	“
“ C. W. FOSS .....		“	“
“ S. B. WARNER .....	Hamline,	“	
“ E. B. HIGGINS .....		“	“
“ WEBBER .....	Minneapolis,	“	
“ D. M. ROBBINS .....	St. Paul,	“	
“ D. S. B. JOHNSTON .....		“	“
“ MARY W. SEAGER .....		“	“
“ H. S. FAIRCHILD .....		“	“
“ ROSA NABERSBERG .....		“	“
MISS CARRIE WILSON .....	1622 Hawthorne Ave., Minneapolis,		“
MRS. PRITZ .....	St. Paul,		“

## CONFERENCE SECRETARIES.

<i>Minnesota Con.</i> .....	MRS. C. S. WINCHELL .....	Minneapolis, Minn.	
<i>Dakota Con.</i> .....	“ I. M. HARTSOUGH .....	Sioux Falls, Dak.	
<i>North Dakota Con.</i> .....	“ D. C. PLANNETTE .....	Grand Forks,	“
<i>Assistant</i> .....	“ FOSTER .....	Fargo,	“
<i>Columbia River Con.</i> ..	“ ANNA SIMPSON .....	Address not known	
<i>Assistant</i> .....	LUCY A. SWITZER .....	Walla Walla, Wash. Ter.	
<i>Montana Mission Con.</i> , MRS.	JENNIE F. MILLS .....	Bayeman, Mont.	
<i>Oregon Con.</i> .....	“ M. C. WIRE .....	Eugene City, Ore.	
<i>Assistant</i> .....	“ M. C. WILSON .....	“ “ “	
<i>Puget Sound Con.</i> .....	“ NELLIE S. HANSON .....	Seattle, Wash. Ter.	
<i>Assistant</i> .....	“ H. D. BROWN .....	Olympia,	“
<i>Idaho Con.</i> .....	“ IRA WAKEFIELD .....		
<i>German Work</i> .....	MISS MARGARETHA DREYER .....	Turner, Kan.	



Through the blessed toils and precious experiences of another year, the Lord of the vineyard hath led us. Some of our faithful members have been called up higher, to the church triumphant, others have been added to the militant army. In some portions of the Branch there has been much to disappoint the fond expectations of the workers, but prosperity has been granted, as some of the reports from the Conference show, *not the increase in membership we desire*, for the lack of organizers in the field. The Branch Secretary is kept, for the most part, at her desk, and the Conference Secretaries are all of them absorbed with family duties, or those of the pastorate, and still we anxiously enquire, "Who will go for us?" We rejoice that Mrs. E. B. Stevens, of Delaware, responded to the invitation of the Branch, and gave us six weeks of labor, addressing large and small congregations, in city, village and circuit charges, visited two camp-meetings, and we trust the seed sown will in the coming year yield abundant fruit.

Our missionary, Miss Abrams, unable to enter the foreign field till the fall of the year, consented to go out in the home fields of Southern Minnesota and Dakota, seeking "to provoke our sisters to love, and good works," and to interest the children in those less favored beyond the seas.

In our Third Quarterly Meeting we were favored with the presence of our missionary, Mrs. Carrie Van Petten, returning to Japan. She kindly consented to leave her loved ones sooner than she otherwise would that she might be with us, and visit some of the newly organized auxiliaries on her way, strengthening and encouraging them, and giving them the privilege of looking into the face of "*a live missionary.*" Northern Minnesota and Dakota, Montana, Washington Territory and Oregon were thus favored, and letters of appreciation and gratitude are coming from these far away points. Japan will be nearer and dearer to the dear people who Sister Van Petten visited, and they will pray and believe for its redemption as never before.

*The Quarterly Meetings* have been well attended, and each has been marked by some special token of the Divine favor. The intense cold of a Minnesota winter in January, or the intense heat which marked July, checked not the ardor of the fervent, consecrated women, who appreciate a good missionary gathering as a time of refreshing and spiritual helpfulness.

We are glad to be able to report increasing interest among the *young people*; more organizations, larger membership and more money raised, but not a tithe of them have yet been reached.

*The Childrens' Bands* are taking the "Little Missionary." Miss Abrams secured seventy subscribers. We are seeking to introduce the Childrens' Missionary Lesson Leaf among them; also, Heathen Woman's Friend. Better and better, as the years go by, it ought to have a larger circulation among our people, and be more prayerfully read. Each year of our history we have increased our subscription list. Our number now is 865.

Leaflets and mite-chests, or barrels, are still doing their blessed work. In connection with the barrels, let me give a touching incident:

A four years old darling son is dying, and remembers he has in his bank a dollar. "Mamma, bring me my bank." It is brought. "That is for you, dear mamma." "No, Harry, you keep it, and when you get well we will get something nice for you." In heaven, it is well with the child. Mrs. Dickerson brings the precious dollar to a sister, asking: "Can this be put to any special work for the W. F. M. S.?" At the meeting of the board, the letter was read. In the wakeful hours of the night, our beloved President, Mrs. Emily Huntingdon Miller, received an inspiration concerning it, and suggested that twenty barrels, bearing the name of Harry Dickerson, be sent out among the Bands, to collect money for the Memorial Fund; these to be opened at the Annual Meeting, the proceeds to support some special work in foreign fields, bearing the name of the sainted child. Mrs. Miller writes: "Our Harry Dickerson 'Memorial' has turned out quite a success. I had a concert last Sunday night, in Jackson street, St. Paul, and had the children bring in their barrels, and we got \$26.00, besides a pledge from Brother Forbes that he would give \$20.00 a year to support an orphan, in memory of his little Nellie.

Miss Abrams is on her way to her field of labor, Bombay. Her heart bounded with joy when the word reached her that the way was open for her to go. Miss De Line, who has so long and patiently waited for a comrade, will rejoice, and we will follow her with our fervent prayers.

Miss Sophia Blackmore reached Singapore the last week in July, and at once commenced the study of the language and her visits among the people. Miss Nettie C. Ogden is in good health, and much enjoying her work in Puebla, Mexico. We have good tidings from Miss D'Abreu and Mrs. Ward, our assistant missionaries in India. The Treasurer's Report is encouraging, and for it we lift high and long our notes of praise. The Bequest of our Sister Harrison (\$5000), who served us as Treasurer until she was called to the prepared mansion, is ready for service, and, knowing her deep interest *in*, and earnest labor *for*, the uplifting of women, especially in industrial enterprises, the Annual Meeting passed the following resolution, which we hope will receive the kindly consideration of the General Executive Committee:

*Whereas*, we have heard for the past two years of the need of an Industrial School in Tokyo, Japan, and at this meeting, of the urgent desire of our missionaries that it be at once established, therefore,

*Resolved*, That we request our Branch Secretary to secure for our Branch this work, toward which we believe our Sister Harrison would gladly devote part of her bequest, as she devoted her life to the uplifting of women.

## OUR GERMAN WORK AND PAPER.

Owing to the absence of Miss Dreyer from the field during the entire year, this work has not advanced very much. Miss Dreyer's field is too large. We need a German secretary in each of our Branches — who can devote her time to the work. The results would be most satisfactory. Our German sisters are earnest and benevolent, but there are few leaders to be found among them.

Our Annual Meeting, though not largely attended, because of our "magnificent distances," was a meeting long to be remembered, because of the manifested presence of the Master of assemblies. Sister Phoebe Rowe, "a servant of the church" in India and America, was with us, coming "in the fulness of the blessing of the gospel of Christ," charming us with her sweet words and songs, and constraining us to love our India more fervently than ever, and to do and pray more for her redemption. Surely we may say of this dear Phoebe, as of the one in Paul's day: "She hath been a succorer of many, and of myself also."

We also desire to express our sense of loss in the removal of our *beloved Bishop Harris*, who has not only been to our Society, from its organization, such a warm and firm friend, but in our own Branch, rendered such efficient service while presiding over the five Conferences of the North Pacific Coast, embracing every opportunity to say kind, earnest words for work and workers, and so giving an impetus to the work which has been abiding. "He rests from his labors, and his works do follow him."

## HOME WORK.

Auxiliaries . . . . .	143	13	Increase,
Members . . . . .	3,172	288	"
Life Members . . . . .	228	32	"
Honorary Managers . . . . .	31	3	"
Life Patrons . . . . .	5	2	"
Subscribers to <i>Heathen Woman's Friend</i> . . . . .	863	41	"
No. of Mite Boxes in use . . . . .	1000	500	"
Children's Bands . . . . .	17		
Membership . . . . .	239		

## FOREIGN WORK.

Missionaries . . . . .	3
Assistants . . . . .	2
Zenana Teachers and Assistants . . . . .	8
Bible Readers . . . . .	8
Matron . . . . .	1
Schools . . . . .	3
Scholarships . . . . .	41
Orphans . . . . .	11

## TREASURER'S REPORT.

Minnesota Conference . . . . .	\$4,942 65	\$1,438 26
North German Conference . . . . .	658 90	18 28
Dakota " . . . . .	517 35	237 44
North Dakota " . . . . .	193 65	67 76
Montana " . . . . .	136 25	9 27
Columbia River " . . . . .	238 13	172 47
Oregon " . . . . .	329 06	189 80
Idaho " . . . . .	41 94	
Puget Sound " . . . . .	37 30	5 60
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Grand Total . . . . .	\$7,095 23	\$2,138 88
Disbursements . . . . .	\$6,242 85	
Balance over disbursements . . . . .	852 38	
Balance October 1, 1886 . . . . .	2,795 82	
Balance October 1, 1887 . . . . .	3,648 20	
Bequest of Mrs. J. T. Harrison, of Minneapolis . . . . .	5,000 00	
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Total . . . . .	\$8,648 20	

## TOPEKA BRANCH,

Includes Kansas, Nebraska, Colorado, Wyoming, Nevada and California, with headquarters at Topeka.

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<i>President</i> . . . . .	MRS. BISHOP W. X. NINDE,	{ Cor. 6th & Topeka Av., Topeka, Kan.
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## CONFERENCE SECRETARIES.

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<i>Colorado</i> . . . . .	T. L. WILTSEE.....	Central City, Col.
<i>S. California</i> ... "	J. P. EARLEY .....	Los Angeles, Cal.
<i>W. German</i> ....	MISS M. DREYER.....	Turner, Kan.

The Topeka Branch is now four years old. It has a large and only partially developed territory, consisting of six states and territories. This immense area includes eleven Conferences, and, as near as we can learn, forty-three Districts, twenty-six of which are organized into District Associations, and twenty-seven Conventions have been held.

The flattering promise of the spring, of abundant crops, upon which our financial interests depend so largely, was blasted by the drought of July and August. This causing business depression, our receipts were considerably curtailed. Still we rejoice, that, notwithstanding these discouragements, we are able to report all obligations met. For this we praise God. There has been during the year an unusual awakening of missionary enthusiasm in nearly all the conferences, and the demand for "Special Work" is unprecedented. This demand has so greatly exceeded the supply, that we have been tempted to ask of Mrs. Gracey a new issue of the leaflet, "An Orphan it Must be." Thirty-nine Auxiliaries and twenty-three Young Ladies and Juvenile Societies have been organized during the year, and one hundred and two Life Members, and six Honorary Managers have been added to our list.

There has been also a small increase in our list of subscribers to the *Heathen Woman's Friend*. Two hundred and fifty thousand pages of leaflets have been distributed, and still the demand has been for *more*. We have had \$522.35 of Zenana Fund invested during the year at ten per cent., and have sent to the Treasurer of this fund \$44.20 interest.

It has been my privilege during the year to assist in *two* Conference Anniversaries, two District Conventions, one Sunday School Assembly, and to visit and address about thirty different societies. This has necessitated about 3000 miles of travel, which has been accomplished without any draft upon our Branch Treasury. The work of correspondence has been much heavier than last year, and has demanded all my time, and, although head, hand and heart have grown very weary at times, the promised sufficient strength has been given to carry through the work of the year. For this I thank God.

We have been favored the past year in having with us Brother and Sister Buck, formerly of India, now stationed at Topeka, who have given valuable service at District Conventions, the Assembly, and at public meetings, and at our Annual Meeting. We were also privileged in having Miss Thoburn and Miss Swaney at our Annual Meeting, which privilege was highly appreciated and enjoyed by those present. Dr. Thoburn kindly and ably represented our interests at the sessions of the Nebraska Conferences, in September, delivering addresses at our Anniversaries in the three Conferences, from which we anticipate much good to our work in Nebraska. The presence and words of these consecrated workers will, we think, be of incalculable advantage to our work the coming year.

Topeka Branch supports work in India, China, Japan, Korea, Bulgaria, Italy, South America and Mexico. In India we have one missionary, Miss Blackmar, who has charge of the "Home for Friendless Women" in Lucknow. She is also Treasurer of the funds of the W. F. M. S. for all India. Last spring her health showed signs of failing, but after a short vacation and sea voyage, she returned to her work greatly strengthened. Our other work in India consists of the support of orphans, scholars, Bible readers and assistants.

In China we have shares in the buildings in Tsun Hua and Chin Kiang, and the support of Bible readers and scholars, and the day schools of Tartar City, Peking, and of Hok Chiang in the Foochow mission.

In Japan we have one missionary, Miss Watson, who is connected with our boarding school in Tokyo. We have here, also, two scholars, and a share in the new building. In Hakodati, Yokohama and Nagasaki, we have scholarships, and a teacher in Fukuoka. In Mexico City we have a share in the new Home and Orphanage, and two scholars; also, in Puebla, two scholars. And the entire support of the work in Ayapaugo. In Rosario, S. A., we have assistant teachers, and a share in a Charity school. In Bulgaria and Korea we have two scholarships each, and in the latter place supply the furniture for the new Home and School.

We cannot close this report without putting upon record our heartfelt thanks to God for the most prosperous and successful year we have ever enjoyed.

#### SUMMARY OF FOREIGN WORK.

Missionaries .....	2
Bible Readers .....	7
Teachers .....	6
Orphans and Scholars.....	80
Schools.....	4
Contributed to six buildings.....	\$1,728.00

#### SUMMARY OF HOME WORK.

Auxiliaries .....	215, increase	27
Members .....	5,048, "	786
Young Ladies' Societies.....	31, "	5
Members .....	796, "	—
Juvenile Societies.....	35, "	20
Members .....	934, "	699



Life Members .....	475, increase	102
Honorary Managers.....	16, “	6
Life Patrons.....	1, “	—
Subscribers to H. W. F.....	1,083, “	21
Subscribers to H. F. F.....	187, “	67
Conference Secretaries.....	10 .....	
District Secretaries .....	37 .....	
Pages of Leaflets .....	250,000 .....	
Branch Annual Reports .....	1,000 .....	
W. F. M. S. Annual Reports .....	400 .....	

## RECEIPTS FROM CONFERENCES.

Kansas .....	\$1,932.85
S. Kansas .....	1,333.30
N. W. Kansas .....	634.05
S. W. Kansas.....	1,225.50
Nebraska .....	1,158.62
N. Nebraska .....	398.11
W. Nebraska .....	13.00
Colorado .....	1,230.72
S. California .....	964.42
W. German .....	524.55
Miscellaneous .....	145.46
Total.....	<u>\$9,560.57</u>

## SUMMARY.

To Receipts .....	\$9,560.57
To Balance from Last Year .....	661.68
Total.....	<u>\$10,222.25</u>
By Disbursements .....	\$7,942.19
By Amount to Balance.....	2,228.06
Total.....	<u>\$10,222.25</u>

## RECEIPTS FROM CONFERENCES.

Detroit Conference.....	\$ 3,843 39
Michigan “ .....	5,404 89
Indiana “ .....	867 15
N. Indiana Conference.....	2,607 77
N. W. Indiana Conference .....	1,998 20
S. E. “ “ .....	1,437 28

*Amount carried forward,* \$16,158 68

	<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$16,158 68
Rock River Conference .....		12,556 43
C. Illinois " .....		2,109 64
Illinois " .....		3,944 99
S. Illinois " .....		953 02
Wisconsin " .....		2,367 68
W. Wisconsin " .....		614 50
Chicago German " .....		195 27
Central " " .....		61 75
St. Louis " " .....		335 05
Norwegian and Danish Conference.....		29 75
Miscellaneous .....		1,049 97
Total .....		\$40,376 73

## DES MOINES BRANCH,

Includes the states of Iowa and Missouri.

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*Iowa Conf.*, . . . MRS. M. B. POWER, Cor. 2nd and High St., Keokuk, Iowa.  
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*Upper Iowa Conf.*, MRS. F. F. EARHART, . . . . . Hopkinton, Iowa.  
*St. Louis Conf.*, . MRS. T. H. HAGERTY, 1909 Grand Ave., (N) St. Louis, Mo.  
*Missouri Conf.*, . MRS. A. C. PROCTOR, . . . . . Cameron, Mo.

## GERMAN WORK.

MISS MARGARETHA DREYER, Turner, Kansas.

## DISTRICT SECRETARIES.

*Iowa Conference*,—Muscatine District, . MRS. E. H. WING, Muscatine Iowa.  
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*Burlington District*, . MRS. W. F. COWLES, . . . . . Burlington, Iowa.  
*Des Moines Conf.*,—Council Bluffs and Boone Districts,

MISS ANNA KERN, Logan, Iowa

*Chariton District*, . . MRS. MARY F. THOMPSON, . . . . . Mt. Ayr, Iowa.  
*Corning District* • . MRS. ALICE DUFEE, . . . . . Afton, Iowa.  
*N. W. Iowa Conf.*,—Fort Dodge District,

MRS. SARAH SPANGLER, Newell, Iowa.

<i>Sioux City District,</i>	MRS. REV. J. R. FANE, . . . . .	East Side, Iowa.
<i>Sheldon District,</i>	MRS. J. P. NEGUS, . . . . .	Inwood, Iowa.
<i>Algona District,</i>	MRS. M. B. CLARK, . . . . .	PIERO, Iowa.
<i>St Louis Conf.,—Kansas City District,</i>		
	MRS. W. H. REED, . . .	Kansas City, Mo.
	MRS. ANNA D. HOUTS,	Warrensburg, Mo.
	MRS. M. M. DURHAM, . . .	Japlin, Mo.

## UPPER IOWA CONFERENCE.

<i>Davenport District,</i>	MRS. M. C. REID, . . . . .	Preston, Iowa.
<i>Marshalltown District,</i>	MRS. M. M. VERTZ, . . . . .	Marshalltown, Iowa.
<i>Cedar Rapids District,</i>	MRS. G. F. OWEN, . . . . .	Cedar Rapids, Iowa.
<i>Cedar Falls District,</i>	MRS. S. A. SMITH, . . . . .	Cedar Falls, Iowa.
<i>Decorah District,</i>	MRS. LAURA EASTON, . . . . .	Asage, Iowa.
<i>Dubuque District,</i>	MRS. J. S. MCCORD, . . . . .	Dubuque, Iowa.

## MISSOURI CONFERENCE.

<i>Hannibal District,</i>	MRS. C. H. McDERMOND. . . . .	Mexico, Mo.
<i>St. Joseph's District,</i>	MRS. ANNA SASSEEN, . . . . .	Oregon, Mo.
<i>Kirksville District.</i>	MRS. E. A. SIMES, . . . . .	Hannibal, Mo.
<i>Chillicothe District,</i>	MRS. W. F. CLAYTON . . . . .	Cameron, Mo.

A year of unusual activity on the part of our Christian workers in the Des Moines Branch, perfect harmony in all our councils, a treasury better filled than in any former year, sets our hearts bounding with joy, and our lips uttering praises to Him who has thus crowned the year with His goodness.

The growing interest of our young ladies and girls is very noticeable. They have been glad to organize whenever there has been an opportunity, and when organized into societies, or bands, have pushed their work with refreshing vigor. We expect great things in the not distant future, from the education our young people are receiving in this way. Eighteen hundred "penny gatherers" have been taken by our little folks in the last month, and we fully expect our treasury to show the effect of their zealous labors. We are trying to impress our people with the truth that the children must be won for our cause, or their young enthusiasm will take some less important direction. Twelve district conventions have been held, six conferences, and one camp-meeting anniversary, and an unusual number of public meetings. A great want that has burdened us for years has been, in a measure supplied—that is the need of information from foreign fields, given by the returned missionaries themselves. This Fall, Miss Clara M. Cushman has given us one month of solid work in Iowa. Her success shows how greatly the work was needed. Miss Hettie Mansell, with equal zeal, but not quite so much strength and experience, has done all she could for us in Missouri. For these missionaries and their labors, we devoutly thank God.

The usual number of executive and Branch reports have been distributed, and we have used with great profit 30,000 leaflets.

Our growing appreciation of *The Heathen Woman's Friend* is evident from an increase of two hundred subscribers the first six months of this year, and another hundred more since then. Much of the credit for this increase must be given to our little branch paper, "*The Helper*," which has been constant in its exhortation to exertion in this line. It carries to every auxiliary the letters from our missionaries, and the orphans we support, many items of local interest in our branch, reports of our conventions, and messages from the conference secretaries. It has brought up our Christmas offering from two hundred dollars to eight hundred. Through Miss Cushman's efforts we have had a revival of interest in mite boxes, and over five hundred have been distributed. Early in the year Miss Mary Vance went to Japan, and we believe is doing devoted work in the Tokyo school. She writes like a veteran missionary, and though there has not been time enough for her to learn the language, she is doing six hours teaching daily.

We hear much praise of our Miss Lawson, now in the Bareilly orphanage, India, from her co-laborers, and rejoice that she is fulfilling our expectations of her. Both of our missionaries had the benefit of a little time in the Chicago Training school, and went out with Mrs. Myer's hearty commendation.

One great sorrow has come to us, the resignation in the middle of the year of Mrs. L.D. Carhart, our able Branch secretary. Home cares and failing health made the step imperative, but we are hoping that she may be given back to this work where she is so greatly needed.

#### ANNUAL MEETING.

Our annual meeting just closed was pronounced by all the best we have ever held. Mrs. Mary C. Nind, Miss Cushman, Miss Mansell, and Miss Thoburn were our honored guests, and each contributed her share to the richest programme we have ever had. So pleased were the people of Grand Avenue church, Kansas, that they contributed three hundred dollars, and made each of the missionaries an honorary manager of the Des Moines Branch, and Miss Cushman was presented with a fine oil painting. Above all we were blessed with the presence and power of the Holy Spirit, through whom all the good work done this year has been accomplished. Here and now we make our humble acknowledgements in honor of Him. Facing the great opportunities and responsibilities of a new year, with our inexperience, heart would fail us, but we have the promise, "The eternal God is thy refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms."

## HOME SUMMARY.

Auxiliaries . . . . .	338
Members . . . . .	7,660
Increase . . . . .	527
Life Members . . . . .	773
Honorary Managers . . . . .	25
Life Patrons . . . . .	5
Young Ladies Societies . . . . .	38
Subscribers to <i>Friend</i> . . . . .	1,344
Subscribers to German <i>Friend</i> . . . . .	93
Leaflets distributed . . . . .	30,000

## FOREIGN SUMMARY.

Missionaries . . . . .	2
Bible women	
India . . . . .	9
Italy . . . . .	1
Mexico . . . . .	1
Orphans,	
India . . . . .	38
Mexico . . . . .	3
Scholarships,	
Japan . . . . .	14
China . . . . .	15

## SUMMARY OF HOME WORK, 1886-87.

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## REPORT OF GERMAN WORK.

This is the fourth year of work among the Germans. Miss Dreyer, the secretary, in making her report says:

"I will report by conferences: first, we have the Western German Conference. The number of auxiliaries has not increased beyond what they were two years ago, as to members, but we have been on the increase. Not forgetting that this is a mission conference, where not a single minister gets as much as a thousand dollars a year, our contributions fall a little short of last year.

The Northern German Conference is next in age; this is the first year that the name of this conference appears among the list of conferences, being a portion of the old North-Western Conference. It comprises the the state of Minnesota, the southern part of Dakota and an appointment or two in Wisconsin. If it does not show an increase, I am glad it has not fallen behind. From one little country auxiliary the secretary wrote: "I earned my dollar by herding the cattle on the stubble fields after harvest." Another says: "I thought I must quit my post because God has given us another little 'restless one,' but the sisters said 'If you quit, all must stop;' so I thought I must go on and do the best I can; the sisters take care of the baby while I conduct the meeting."

The North-Western German Conference is mostly in the Des Moines Branch with appointments in upper Iowa, southern Dakota, with a charge or two in Wisconsin and Illinois. The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society has but a few auxiliaries within its bounds, but the few are good. From one place they report every woman of the church a member of the auxiliary, and have also gathered in the girls.

The St. Louis German Conference shows no increase of auxiliaries, but no decrease, and a very excellent growth in the interest of existing organizations, if we judge by the receipts in the treasury, their contributions being almost double that of last year.

The Chicago German Conference is beginning to advance, though I have not visited it for more than a year. The contributions of the entire conference have increased fifty per cent. over last year.

The Central German Conference is partly in the Philadelphia, North-Western and Cincinnati Branches, the latter having the larger and better portion. This conference has increased in every respect. They have more members, more auxiliaries, and have doubled the contributions of last year. But the best gift of the year is undoubtedly Miss L. C. Rothweiler, now in Korea. Her home is in this conference. That portion of the conference located in the Cincinnati Branch desire her support, which is a promised advance of twenty per cent. over last year.

The Eastern German Conference closes the list of conferences in the United States that have worked for the Society. One year ago this conference had not a single organization, but send in as conference gleanings a very acceptable sum.

## SUMMARY.

Conferences.	Auxiliaries.	Members.	L. Members	M. Boxes.	Receipts 1886.	Receipts 1887.
Central German . . . .	24	586		329	\$330.00	\$656.42
Chicago " . . . .	9	159			129.20	195.27
Eastern " . . . .	14	364		68	85.00	225.00
Northern " . . . .	24	568	6		812.00	666.11
N. Western " . . . .	5	136				183.80
St. Louis " . . . .	11	334			283.00	354.05
Western " . . . .	17	417	13		606.00	583.55
Total for U. S. . .	104	2614	19	464	\$2249.20	\$2864.20
Germany . . . . .	33	487				\$ 75.23
Switzerland . . . . .	14	497				66.28
Total for Europe .	47	984				\$141.51
Grand total. . . .	151	3598	19		\$2249.20	\$3005.71

The number of subscribers to the *Heiden Frauen Freund* is over sixteen hundred.

Looking over the summary, I wish to make this explanation, I have counted all places auxiliaries that have contributed ten dollars and over to the cause, as I know no charge sends that much merely as gleanings. Others who do not contribute as much I have counted, but they are new and the recognition will do them good and the cause as well.

Mrs. Achard, daughter of Dr. Jacoby, the father of Methodism in Germany and Switzerland, mother of eleven children and matron or "Haus-Mutter" for the students of Martin Institute at Frankfort on the Main, was elected president of the organization in Germany. Very wise was her arrangement according to which the membership fee is fixed at thirty cents yearly, in this wise she enlisted the masses, those who can do more, and feel so inclined can and do so. One of the ministers reporting the condition of the work on his circuit to Mrs. Achard, reported eighteen preaching places with three hundred members, eight of these appointments had members for the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, not all women to be sure, but all such as felt the desire to aid, so that all told he reported one hundred and twenty-five members, and contributions in proportion. In closing his letter he writes: "The cause is advancing, Hallelujah!" They wish their contributions to go to Korea.

Switzerland began a little later. But no sooner was the cause presented to the people than they, took to it with alacrity and thus show

up grandly, though their report covers only the first six months of their organization. Mrs. Spærri, president of the conference society writes: "The majority of our auxiliaries meet in connection with some other church organization. I think we did well for the short time, but as many paid in advance for the entire year it may be that our second six months may not be as rich in receipts as the first six have been."

## REPORT OF THE ZENANA PAPER.

In the year 1883, at the meeting of the General Executive Committee of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, at Des Moines, Iowa, the proposition was made by returned missionaries that a Christian paper be established for the women of India, printed in their own language. There were present the following missionaries from India: Rev. T. Craven and wife, Mrs. E. W. Parker, Mrs. Dr. Johnson, Rev. Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Badley, Mrs. I. L. Hauser and Mrs. J. T. Gracey. These workers stated the actual need for such a paper, bringing out the fact that of the newspapers published in India, nearly all were antagonistic to Christianity, and that there was not in the land any native periodical literature suitable to put in the hands of the women.

The Committee decided to undertake the enterprise, and make an effort to raise twenty-five thousand dollars over and above the regular missionary contributions, for this purpose. The announcement was made that a lady much interested offered the last five thousand dollars. Before any money was raised, the ladies said, "We cannot wait," so the paper was established, and early in the year 1884 made its appearance from the American Methodist Mission Press, Lucknow. The expenses for the first year were met from the proceeds of the *Heathen Woman's Friend*. The paper was named the "*Woman's Friend*."

This paper is issued fortnightly. From its establishment, until a year ago it has been edited by Miss L. Blackmar. It is now printed in four dialects, viz.: Urdu, Hindi, Bengali and Tamil. The Urdu and Hindi editions are printed in Lucknow, and are in charge of Mrs. B. H. Badley. In Calcutta a third edition is printed in Bengali, in charge of Mrs. J. P. Meik, and in Madras a fourth in Tamil, in charge of Mrs. Rudisil. There are five thousand copies issued every month, and it is estimated that twenty thousand women in the zenanas read it, the printed page reaching where no missionary's voice can penetrate. The endowment money is not all raised. It only lacks about twelve hundred dollars of completion. Over eighteen thousand dollars have been paid in and invested for this purpose. Let every Methodist woman who has contributed to this fund congratulate every other who has helped to send out this paper in these four different languages, to brighten the homes, and help lead the women of India to Christ.

## REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PUBLICATION.

WHEREAS, In our judgment the *Heathen Woman's Friend* has never been better conducted than during the past year; therefore,

1. *Resolved*, That we heartily indorse its efficient editor, Mrs. W. F. Warren, and urgently recommend her continuance in that position, with a salary of \$700 per year, and money sufficient for incidental expenses.

2. *Resolved*, That having found the accounts of Miss P. J. Walden, agent of the *Heathen Woman's Friend*, correct and properly vouched for, and as fine business capacity has been displayed in her investments, and great economy in her expenditures, we give her our hearty approval, and recommend her continuance as agent, with a salary of \$700 per year, and a sufficient sum to cover incidental expenses.

3. *Resolved*, That we appreciate the valuable services of Mr. A. S. Weed, as auditor of the accounts of the *Heathen Woman's Friend*, and request a continuance of the same.

4. *Resolved*, That we acknowledge with gratitude an increase in the circulation of the *Heathen Woman's Friend* during the past year, and, as we consider it indispensable to a proper knowledge of the work, we recommend that a systematic effort be made by conference and district secretaries to have a subscriber in each family represented in the Society.

5. *Resolved*, That, while we earnestly appreciate the services of Miss Dreyer in connection with the German paper, the *Heiden Frauen Freund*, yet in view of the pressure upon her in organizing work among the Germans, and our great desire to have her services in all our Branches, we require nothing of her in connection with this paper beyond her reports in the Home Department.

6. *Resolved*, That we request Mrs. Warren to take entire charge of the editing of the *Heiden Frauen Freund*, and whatever expenses are involved shall be met from the surplus funds of the *Heathen Woman's Friend*.

7. *Resolved*, That Miss P. J. Walden be continued agent of the *Freund*.

WHEREAS, We have examined the accounts of the Leaflet Committee, and have found them correct and properly vouched for, therefore,

8. *Resolved*, That we thank Mrs. J. T. Gracey for her valuable services in this connection.

WHEREAS, The accounts of the Leaflet Committee show an indebtedness of \$148.88, therefore,

9. *Resolved*, That this indebtedness be met from the surplus funds of the *Heathen Woman's Friend*.

10. *Resolved*, That we repeat the request in resolution 14 of last year's report of Committee on Publication, viz:

11. *Resolved*, That we request Mrs. J. T. Gracey to prepare supplemental chapters to her valuable book on Medical Missions and Missionaries, bring-

it down to the present time, and that these chapters be printed in such form as to be sold with the stock yet on hand, at a reduced price, until the present supply is exhausted.

WHEREAS, The increasing demands for missionary literature, and the confusion in the public mind as to the sources from which supplies are to be obtained, make some changes necessary, therefore,

12. *Resolved*, That there be a Literature Committee, whose work shall be to edit the Annual Report, to provide leaflets, uniform readings, lesson leaves, and other helps for monthly and public meetings, especially for young ladies' and juvenile societies, and to so far unify with these the *Heathen Woman's Friend*, as to secure combined instruction on definite themes for more effective work.

13. *Resolved*, That this Committee be empowered to draw on the surplus funds of the *Heathen Woman's Friend* for all necessary expenses in prosecuting their work, said amount not to exceed \$2000; but should any increased expenditure be deemed necessary, this committee shall seek authority therefor from the constitutional Publication Committee.

14. *Resolved*, That this committee consist of five persons, and that we recommend the following: Mrs. J. T. Gracey, Mrs. W. F. Warren, Miss P. J. Walden, Mrs. M. B. Hitt, and Miss I. Hart.

15. *Resolved further*, That we recommend that this Committee organize itself.

WHEREAS, We learn with regret that Mrs. H. Benton will be unable to continue her work on the "Uniform Readings," therefore,

16. *Resolved*, That we tender to her our sincere thanks for her valuable contributions in this direction.

17. *Resolved*, That the hearty thanks of this Executive Committee are hereby tendered to Mrs. B. R. Cowen, for valuable service rendered in the preparation of the Seventeenth Annual Report.

18. *Resolved*, That certificates of life members, honorary managers, and patrons made during the year, be paid for from the surplus funds of the *Heathen Woman's Friend*, and furnished to those entitled to them free of charge.

19. *Resolved*, That the proceedings of this General Executive Committee meeting be published in the December number of the *Heathen Woman's Friend* as heretofore, and that the reports of the standing committees be also published in the Eighteenth Annual Report.

MRS. T. H. HAGERTY, *Chairman*.

MISS MATTIE A. HUMPHREY, *Secretary*.

## Report of Committee on Missionary Candidates.

1. The papers of Miss Georgiana Dean, presented by the Minneapolis Branch, are satisfactory in most respects, but as Miss Dean wishes to pursue her studies, and is now in the Chicago Training School, we recommend her



continuance there during the present year, trusting that at the expiration of that time, the way may be opened for her acceptance.

2. The testimonials of Miss Kate Louise Ogborne, presented by the Des Moines Branch, are most satisfactory, and meet all requirements. We recommend her acceptance and appointment.

3. The papers of Miss M. Estelle Files, presented by the New York Branch, have been examined, and found highly satisfactory. She has been graduated from the State Normal School at Brockport, N. Y., and seems well fitted for the work. We recommend that she be accepted and appointed.

4. The testimonials of Miss Emma Washburne, M. D., presented by the Minneapolis Branch, have been examined by your Committee, and in all points meet the conditions required for medical missionary candidates. She is a graduate of the Woman's Medical College of Chicago, and is now practising in the North-Western Hospital for Women and Children, in Minneapolis. We recommend her acceptance and appointment.

5. The testimonials of Miss Ella Johnson, presented by the Philadelphia Branch, as a candidate for trained nurse, have been carefully examined and found to be thoroughly satisfactory, both as to her beautiful Christian character, and her eminent fitness for such a position. We recommend her acceptance, and appointment to the Foochow Hospital, and that she be sent as soon as practicable.

6. In the case of Miss Florence M. Perrine, presented by the North-Western Branch, the Committee find her testimonials to great excellence of character and Christian activity, to scholarly attainments and proficiency in the languages, of such high order, that we unhesitatingly recommend her acceptance as a competent candidate for the missionary field. Her preference is for India or China.

7. The North-Western Branch presented a letter from Miss Gerelda Potter, written to Mrs. Cowen, of Cincinnati Branch, in which she expresses a desire to go as soon as possible to Rangoon, South India. As there were no testimonials presented, we refer her case to the Committee of Reference.

8. Finding the letters and testimonials of Miss Minda A. McLintock, presented by the Topeka Branch, highly satisfactory in every respect, we cheerfully recommend her acceptance for medical missionary work.

9. In the case of Miss Emma Garver, presented by the Cincinnati Branch, who is an applicant for acceptance as a missionary candidate, so far as her papers have been furnished the Committee they are satisfactory, but as she has not yet completed her education, we recommend her acceptance, and refer her case to the Committee of Reference.

10. The case of Miss Julia Bonafield was presented by the Cincinnati Branch and approved by a former Committee. Her approval is re-affirmed by this Committee, and we recommend her appointment to Foochow, China.

11. In the case of Miss Izilla Erusberger, presented by the Cincinnati Branch, whose papers were incomplete last year, she having now furnished



those requisites, we cheerfully recommend her acceptance and appointment to medical work in India.

12. Miss Carrie Baker of Medford, Oregon, has offered herself as missionary candidate, through the Minneapolis Branch. As she has sent no testimonials and expects to spend some time in the study of medicine, we recommend that her case be referred to the Reference Committee.

13. WHEREAS, The Chicago Training School is proving a great blessing in giving to candidates for missionary work, Bible instruction, some knowledge of medicine, and an opportunity for some experience in city missionary work, therefore,

*Resolved*, That we heartily recommend the Chicago Training School, and hope for the establishment of similar schools at other points.

*Resolved*, That we suggest to all missionary candidates not fully prepared for their work, to avail themselves of such helps.

14. WHEREAS, The climate and needs of India are such that a strong physical constitution is requisite, and also maturity of judgment and experience, therefore,

*Resolved*, That no lady be appointed to this field under twenty-five years of age, unless unusual maturity and aptness for the work are manifestly evident.

*Resolved further*, That physicians who have made a special study of climatic influences, examine and furnish health certificates for missionary candidates.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

MRS. M. S. WHEELER, *Chairman*.

MRS. H. C. TUDOR, *Secretary*.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

1. *Resolved*, That if the official correspondent for Kiu Kiang finds that a sale of our present property in Kiu Kiang to the Parent Board can be satisfactorily effected, we authorize the use of the proceeds of this sale in the erection of a new home and school, in a more suitable place.

2. *Resolved*, That the indemnity money received from the Chinese government for Chung King, be left in the hands of the Treasurer at Kiu Kiang, subject to the order of the Reference Committee.

3. WHEREAS, In view of the removal of the missionary and his wife from Wuhu, and that we have no lady ready to take charge of the school, therefore,

*Resolved*, That we do not make any appropriation for Wuhu, and that any scholars remaining under instruction be removed to Nanking.

4. *Resolved*, That, if possible, we make arrangements for the sale of the property in Wuhu.

5. *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the North-Western Branch be instructed to correspond with the Misses Millard as to their willingness to go as teachers for the proposed industrial School in Japan, and report to the Committee of Reference.

6. WHEREAS, The Minneapolis Branch assumes the opening of the Industrial Home at Tokyo, Japan, toward which it devotes the bequest of Mrs. W. M. Harrison, therefore,

*Resolved*, That the Industrial Home bear the name of the Harrison Memorial Industrial Home.

7. WHEREAS, Mrs. H. M. W. Hill and Mrs. L. D. Carhart have been obliged to relinquish the positions held in their respective Branches, and consequently in this Committee, therefore,

*Resolved*, That we deeply regret the necessity that led to their resignation, and that we extend to them our loving sympathy in their enforced retirement, praying that in their waiting and their working they may have a blessed sense of Divine guidance and grace.

8. WHEREAS, The schools formerly in charge of Miss Guelfi, in Montevideo, South America, have been very carefully and faithfully supervised since her death, by her brother, Rev. Antonio Guelfi, therefore,

*Resolved*, That the sincere thanks of this General Executive Committee be extended to him for services so rendered.

9. *Resolved*, That we gratefully acknowledge the generous offer of Mrs. Hagans, to educate an Italian woman in Kindergarten methods, for work in Italy, and understanding that it is of her private beneficence, we do not feel at liberty to take any direction of the lady for the future.

10. *Resolved*, That the Minneapolis Branch be permitted to send Dr. Jeffreys to Singapore, provided her papers pass the Reference Committee.

MRS. H. B. SKIDMORE, *Chairman*.

MRS. E. T. COWEN, *Secretary*.



<i>Miraflores</i> , Salary of first assistant.....	300 00
Salary of sewing teacher....	100 00
School supplies.....	200 00
Portero .....	72 00
Repairs.....	100 00
<i>Pachuca</i> , Salary and incidentals of Miss Field.....	750 00
Salary of assistants and school requisites.....	700 00
<i>Guanajuato</i> , Water supply and portero.....	150 00
Total for Mexico.....	\$3,942 00

*South America.*

<i>Rosario</i> , Salary and incidentals of Miss Chapin.....	\$750 00
Assistants.....	300 00
Gratuitous education.....	450 00
Repairs and taxes.....	275 00
Deficit on building. ....	300 00
Lady to be sent.....	1,300 00
<i>Montevideo</i> , Schools.....	400 00
<i>Buenos Ayres</i> , Schools.....	300 00
Total for South America.....	\$4,075 00

*Bulgaria.*

Three scholarships.....	\$120 00
Matron.....	60 00
School furniture .....	100 00

Total for Bulgaria..... \$280 00

*Italy.*

<i>Venice</i> , Bible woman.....	\$240 00
Books and tracts.....	60 00

Total for Italy..... \$300 00

Grand total..... \$29,627 00

## NEW YORK BRANCH.

*North India.*

<i>Pithoragarh</i> , Miss Budden's salary.....	\$650 00
Ella Hayes' salary .....	48 00
School for girls.....	155 00
Teachers .....	100 00
Village work.....	168 00
Medicines.....	24 00
Conveyance.....	48 00
Munshi.....	24 00
Repairs.....	80 00
Building home.....	1,300 00
<i>Moradabad</i> , Girls' school.....	50 00
Village work.....	80 00
<i>Bareilly</i> , Salary Miss English..	650 00
Expenses of Orphanage.....	1,400 00
Second assistant.....	288 00
Salary Miss Downey.....	650 00
Bible readers.....	288 00
Zenana conveyance.....	160 00
City girls' school.....	320 00
Agra medical students.....	240 00
<i>Bareilly District</i> , Fatehganj school and Bible reader....	129 00
Aonia.....	144 00
Philibeet.....	130 00
Faredpore.....	56 00
Basilpore.....	40 00

Baheri.....	24 00
Khera Bajera.....	72 00
Data Ganj .....	24 00
Budaon Bible readers.....	190 00
Kakraula school and Bible reader.....	48 00
Bisouli.....	48 00
Bilsi.....	90 00
Agra school and Bible reader	225 00
Agra medical students.....	240 00
Agra home (conditional)....	3,000 00
<i>Lucknow</i> , Bible readers.....	180 00
Conveyance .....	100 00
Teacher college class.....	240 00
Painting roof of sanitarium.	60 00
Scholarships.....	50 00
Ellenpore school Bible reader.....	86 00
Baraich school and Bible reader .....	274 00
Unao.....	288 00
Hurdui.....	234 00
Gondah.....	200 00
Cawnpore high school.....	500 00
Allahabad school and Bible reader .....	128 00
Conveyance .....	40 00

Total for North India ... \$13,563 00

*South India.*

<i>Bombay</i> , Salary of Miss Wright	\$264 00
Pundit.....	25 00
Conveyance.....	100 00
<i>Madras</i> , Salary Miss Hughes ..	650 00
Pundit.....	50 00
Conveyance.....	150 00
<i>Calcutta</i> , Miss Files' outfit and passage .....	600 00
Woman's work.....	100 00
Six scholarships.....	338 00
District Ajmere.....	1000 00

Total for South India..... \$3,277 00

Total for India..... \$16,840 00

*North China.*

<i>Peking</i> , Salary of Mrs. Jewell..	\$600 00
Incidentals.....	150 00
Personal teacher.....	120 00
Boarding school expenses...	150 00
Coolies.....	54 00
Bible women .....	100 00
Cemetery purchase of lot....	140 00
Lady to be sent.....	1,200 00
<i>Tientsin</i> , Day school.....	50 00
Bible woman.....	50 00
<i>Hun Hua</i> , Lady to be sent.....	1,200 00
Bible woman.....	50 00
Dispensary .....	350 00
	\$4,214 00

*Central China.*

<i>Kiu Kiang</i> , Purchase of lot....	170 00
Support of orphans from Chung King.....	100 00
<i>Nanking</i> , Salary Miss Carlton, M. D.....	600 00

Incidentals.....	150 00
Medical books .....	30 00
Well and cistern.....	200 00
Gateman, 49, and Personal teacher, 75.....	124 00
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<i>Chin Kiang</i> , Salary Miss Hoag, M. D.....	600 00
Incidentals .....	150 00
Repairs and taxes.....	65 00
Orphans.....	125 00
School expenses.....	350 00
Furniture.....	75 00
Incidentals.....	25 00
Hospital and dispensary .....	250 00
For rebuilding wall.....	300 00
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	\$1,374 00
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Total for China.....	\$7,528 00

*Japan.*

<i>Tokyo</i> , Native teachers.....	125 00
Scholarships.....	260 00
Tamachi day school.....	200 00
Fukagawa .....	200 00
One Bible woman.....	60 00
Home salary of Miss Atkin- son.....	350 00
Miss Atkinson's return.....	300 00
Building.....	2,000 00
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	\$3,495 00

<i>Nagoya</i> , Lady to be sent.....	1,000 00
Teacher.....	100 00
Rent of building.....	120 00
Incidentals for schools .....	250 00
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	\$1,470 00

<i>Hakodati</i> , Salary Miss Kaulback .....	600 00
Expenses to conference.....	40 00
Incidentals .....	150 00
Scholarships.....	520 00
Private teacher.....	100 00
Insurance.....	150 00
Land rent.....	108 00

<i>Hirosaki</i> , School.....	200 00
Miss Hampton's return.....	300 00
Miss Hampton's salary.....	350 00
Teacher.....	100 00
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	\$2,618 00

<i>Nagasaki</i> , Scholarships .....	640 00
Insurance .....	159 00
Kagoshima School and Bible .....	100 00
<i>Fukuoka</i> , O Lai San.....	30 00
Scholarships.....	240 00
Coolie.....	36 00
Incidentals.....	100 00
Expenses to conference.....	50 00
Home salary Miss Gheer.....	350 00
Salary Miss Smith.....	600 00
Incidentals.....	150 00
Personal teacher.....	60 00
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	\$2,515 00

Total for Japan .....

\$10,098 00

*Mexico.*

<i>Mexico City</i> , Scholarships.....	720 00
Music teacher .....	120 00
Building.....	2,233 00
<i>Mirafltores</i> , Salary Miss LeHuray .....	600 00

Incidentals.....	150 00
Expenses to conference.....	15 00
House rent.....	150 00
Bible woman's supplies.....	100 00
<i>Pachuca</i> , Salary Miss Hastings .....	600 00
Incidentals.....	150 00
Bible woman's supplies .....	100 00
Water tax.....	12 00
School requisites.....	200 00
Expenses to conference .....	25 00
<i>Orizaba</i> , Bible woman and sup- plies.....	100 00
<i>Queretaro</i> , Salary of Mexican teacher.....	300 00
Rent.....	200 00
School supplies.....	50 00
Postage and porters.....	28 00
Bible woman and supplies..	100 00
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Total for Mexico .....

\$5,953 00

*South America.*

<i>Rosario</i> , School.....	225 00
School building .....	300 00
<i>Montevideo</i> , School.....	700 00
<i>Buenos Ayres</i> , Salary and out- fit of lady.....	1,150 00
Furniture for home .....	550 00
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Total for South America.

\$2,925 00

*Korea.*

<i>Seoul</i> , Scholarships.....	\$150 00
Kenison.....	50 00
Salary Mrs. M. F. Seranton...	375 00
Personal teacher .....	55 00
Traveling expenses.....	25 00
Repairing house and stables.	200 00
Fuel.....	150 00
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Total for Korea.....

\$1,005 00

*Bulgaria.*

Loftcha scholarships.....	200 00
Rutstchuk school.....	120 00
Clara Kailer .....	360 00
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Total for Bulgaria.....

\$680 00

*Italy.*

<i>Milan</i> , Mrs. Stazi .....	240 00
<i>Naples</i> , Mrs. Conti.....	120 00
<i>Pisa</i> , Mrs. Biondi.....	180 00
Mothers' meeting and sew- ing school.....	150 00
Contingent....	200 00
Traveling expenses.....	200 00
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Total for Italy.....

\$1,090 00

Contingent .....

4,000 00

Grand total.....

\$48,817 00

## PHILADELPHIA BRANCH.

*India.*

<i>Pauri</i> , Village schools.....	\$211 00
Miss Thornton's salary.....	240 00
Orphanage.....	170 00
Repairs.....	80 00
<i>Pithoragarh</i> , Boarding school scholarships.....	120 00



Salary of Mrs. Worthington.	288 00	<i>Nagasaki</i> , Scholarships.....	200 00
Pithoragarh Ladies' Home building .....	200 00	Fukuoka, Bible woman, O Massa Sam .....	24 00
<i>Bijnour</i> , Boarding school scholarships .....	96 00	Fukuoka, Sewing teacher....	36 00
Munshi.....	24 00	Total for Japan.....	\$5,295 00
<i>Moradabad</i> , Salary Miss Lauck	650 00	<i>Korea.</i>	
Salary Dr. McDowell .....	650 00	Scholarships ....	\$150 00
Medicines and rent.....	206 00	Janitor .....	45 00
Servants' houses and repairs for ladies' home.....	360 00	Hospital attendants .....	150 00
<i>Bareilly</i> , Orphanage.....	400 00	Total for Korea .....	\$345 00
<i>Lucknow</i> , Salary Miss Kyle....	650 00	<i>Mexico.</i>	
City schools.....	320 00	<i>Mexico City</i> , Salary Miss Loyd	\$600 00
Salary of Miss Hunt.....	360 00	Incidentals .....	150 00
Bible reader.....	50 00	Scholarships .....	420 00
Inspectress.....	72 00	Matron.....	300 00
Conveyance.....	80 00	New Building.....	2,000 00
Itenerating.....	30 00	Treasurer's expenses.....	30 00
<i>Gonda</i> , Assistant.....	216 00	<i>Miraflores</i> , Second assistant ..	250 00
<i>Balrampur</i> , Bible reader and schools.....	147 00	<i>Puebla</i> , Bible woman and supplies.....	100 00
<i>Ajudhya</i> , Bible reader and schools.....	100 00	<i>Guanajuato</i> , Rent .....	250 00
<i>Cawnpore</i> , Bible readers.....	120 00	Music teacher.....	100 00
Conveyances.....	200 00	Furniture and school supplies.....	150 00
City schools.....	320 00	<i>San Vincente</i> , Teacher .....	250 00
<i>Bithoor</i> , Medical work.....	33 00	Rent.....	60 00
Total.....	\$6,403.00	Bible woman and supplies..	75 00
<i>South India.</i>		School supplies.....	100 00
<i>Bombay</i> , Assistant and pundit.	\$265 00	Total for Mexico ....	\$4,835 00
<i>Singapore</i> , Assistant.....	200 00	<i>Bulgaria.</i>	
<i>Baroda</i> , Woman's work.....	400 00	<i>Loftcha</i> , First assistants.....	\$260 00
Total for South India.....	\$865 00	Scholarships .....	80 00
Total for India.....	\$7,268 00	<i>Sistov</i> , Primary school .....	130 00
<i>China.</i>		<i>Orchania</i> .....	60 00
<i>Foochow</i> , Trained nurse to be sent .....	\$1,000 00	Total for Bulgaria .....	\$530 00
Hospital expenses.....	200 00	<i>Italy.</i>	
<i>Chin Kiang</i> , Foundling.....	25 00	<i>Milan</i> Bible woman.....	\$144 00
<i>Kiu Kiang</i> , Scholarships.....	125 00	<i>Socarro</i> , Miss Campione, teacher and school.....	194 00
Furniture.....	50 00	Total for Italy .....	\$338 00
Scholars to be transferred from Wuhu to Nanking.....	60 00	<i>South America.</i>	
Total for China.....	\$1,460 00	<i>Montevideo</i> , School work .....	\$200 00
<i>Japan.</i>		Conditional.....	439 00
<i>Sendai</i> Bible woman.....	\$60 00	Grand total.....	\$20,700 00
Tracts and papers....	20 00	BALTIMORE BRANCH	
Traveling expenses.....	75 00	<i>India.</i>	
<i>Tokyo</i> , Scholarships.....	440 00	<i>Naini Tal</i> , Miss Leigh's salary	\$288 00
Salary of Miss Spencer.....	600 00	<i>Bhabar</i> , Assistant.....	48 00
Incidentals.....	150 00	Bible readers.....	52 00
Personal teacher .....	100 00	Conveyance .....	86 00
<i>Asakusa</i> day school.....	120 00	Rent of school.....	12 00
Insurance.....	240 00	<i>Dwarahat</i> , Boarding school....	132 00
Traveling expenses.....	250 00	Miss Boyd.....	216 00
Rent of No. 14 for 6 months..	270 00	Munshi .....	24 00
Bible women.....	60 00	Bible readers.....	67 00
New Building.....	1,000 00	<i>Pauri</i> , Mrs. Whitby .....	288 00
<i>Hakodati</i> , Salary of Miss Hewitt.....	600 00	Bible readers.....	28 00
Incidentals and personal teacher .....	250 00	Itinerating .....	59 00
Fuel and lights.....	250 00	<i>Moradabad</i> , School.....	180 00
Scholarships.....	360 00	Miss M. Seymour.....	264 00
Mrs. Green's Bible woman..	60 00		
Travel and incidentals.....	90 00		
Travel to conference.....	40 00		



Conveyance.....	80 00
Medical work.....	153 00
<i>Bareilly</i> , Orphanage .....	144 00
Assistant .....	240 00
Bible woman.....	60 00
<i>Gonda</i> , Schools.....	72 00
To open work.....	100 00
Nawab Ganj.....	65 00
Miss Gallimore's salary ...	650 00
Cawnpore school.....	500 00
Bible woman.....	60 00

*South India.*

<i>Madras</i> , Grace Stephens .....	264 00
Conveyance .....	74 00
<i>Calcutta</i> , Miss Layton's home salary .....	262 00

Total for N. and S. India, \$4,468 00

*China.*

<i>Foochow</i> , City hospitals.....	\$400 00
Deaconess .....	36 00
Watchman.....	42 00
Four medical students.....	150 00
Boarding School .....	200 00
<i>Ku Cheng</i> , Schools.....	450 00
Medical lady to be sent.....	1,000 00
Return passage and salary Miss Fisher.....	700 00
<i>Kiu Kiang</i> , Orphans from West China.....	\$50 00
Total .....	\$3,028 00

*Korea.*

Papers .....	\$150 00
Patients in hospital.....	150 00
Total.....	\$300 00

*Japan.*

<i>Tokyo</i> , scholars .....	\$240 00
<i>Kanda</i> , Schools.....	300 00
School building.....	250 00
<i>Nagasaki</i> , Miss Everding's salary.....	750 00
Personal teacher .....	60 00
Scholars.....	200 00
Osaki San Bible woman ...	50 00
<i>Yokohama</i> , Bible woman training school.....	80 00
<i>Sendai</i> , one new lady .....	1,000 00
Total for Japan.....	\$2,930 00

*Italy.*

<i>Rome</i> . Bible women.....	\$192 00
Total for Italy... ..	\$192 00

*Mexico.*

<i>Mexico</i> , Building.....	\$500 00
Orphans.....	150 00
<i>Puebla</i> , Assistant .....	200 00
Total for Mexico ... ..	850 00
Contingent .....	500 00
Grand Total.....	\$12,268 00

## CINCINNATI BRANCH.

*North India.*

<i>Pithoragarh</i> , New building....	\$300 00
<i>Bijnour</i> , Scholarships and munshi .....	132 00
<i>Bareilly</i> , Orphanage.....	275 00
<i>Moradabad</i> , Scholarships .....	120 00
<i>Shahjahanpore</i> , Assistant .....	240 00
Munshi, itinerating.....	64 00
Bible women.....	216 00
City schools .....	320 00
Conveyances.....	160 00
Tilhur, Pavayen ... ..	180 00
<i>Jalalabad</i> .....	90 00
<i>Lucknow</i> , Bible readers.....	180 00
Conveyance .....	100 00
College class .....	240 00
Repairs.....	160 00
Scholarships.....	94 00
Miss De Vine.....	650 00
<i>Cawnpore</i> , Miss Reed .....	650 00
Miss Miller.....	650 00
Dormitories .....	500 00
Repairs.....	120 00
<i>Seetapore</i> , Bible readers .....	400 00
Schools .....	307 00
Assistant.....	240 00
Conveyance ... ..	172 00
Munshi's, Boarding school ..	372 00
Miss Boyd.....	168 00
Teacher, pundit.....	153 00
Itinerating, medicines, matron.....	60 00
<i>Barabanki</i> , Schools and Bible readers .....	304 00
Miss Thoburn's return passage.....	350 00
Miss Mansell's return passage.....	350 00
Miss Mansell's home salary .....	350 00

Total for North India .... \$8,667 00

*South India.*

<i>Poona</i> , Schools and Bible women.....	\$500 00
<i>Hyderabad</i> , Sending missionary.....	1,200 00

Total for South India ... \$1,700 00

*Bengal Conference.*

<i>Burmah</i> , Schools and Bible women .....	\$200 00
<i>Calcutta</i> , Bible women.....	100 00
Scholarships .....	250 00
Conditional.....	1,000 00

\$1,550 00

Total for India .... \$11,917 00

*China.*

<i>Peking</i> , Miss Sears .....	\$600 00
Teachers and incidentals....	230 00
Repairs and postage.....	100 00
Scholarships, watchman....	204 00
Miss Sears' return .....	500 00
Missionary to be sent .....	1,000 00

\$2,634 00

<i>Foochow</i> , Miss Jewell.....	600 00
Teacher and incidentals ...	222 00

Scholarships, medical students.....	275 00
Repairs, insurance, gate-keeper.....	118 00
Women's school, traveling expenses.....	310 00
Model for hospital.....	200 00
<i>Hing Hua</i> , Women's school..	450 00
Day schools, deaconess....	125 00
Sending missionary.....	1,000 00

\$3,300 00

Total for China..... \$5,934 00

*Japan.*

<i>Tokyo</i> , Scholarships.....	\$200 00
Repairs.....	150 00
Teacher for Miss Holbrook..	100 00
New building.....	1,000 00
Sending missionary.....	1,000 00

\$2,450 00

<i>Sendai</i> , Rent.....	240 00
<i>Hakodati</i> , Scholarships, repairs	350 00
<i>Nagasaki</i> , Miss Russell.....	600 00
Miss Elliott.....	600 00
Teachers and incidentals. .	420 00
Scholarships.....	600 00
Ground rent.....	275 00
Painting house.....	500 00
Missionary to be sent.....	950 00

3,945 00

Total for Japan..... \$6,995 00

*Korea.*

Miss Rothweiler.....	\$600 00
Teacher and incidentals....	230 00
Girls in school.....	150 00
Current expenses.....	150 00
Repairs, janitor.....	245 00
Freights and duties.....	125 00

\$1,500 00

Total for Korea.....

*Italy.*

<i>Turin</i> , Mrs. Cruciam, Bible reader.....	\$120 00
Mrs. Monti, Bible reader....	120 00
Mothers' meetings.....	150 00
Contingent.....	100 00

\$490 00

Total for Italy.....

*South America.*

<i>Rosario</i> , Gratuitous education.	\$150 00
Building.....	150 00
<i>Montevideo</i> , School work.....	550 00

\$850 00

Total for South America.....

*Mexico.*

<i>Mexico City</i> , Miss Ayres.....	\$600 00
Incidentals.....	150 00
Scholarships, teacher.....	510 00
Portero, repairs.....	375 00
Building.....	1,000 00
<i>Puebla</i> , Miss Warner.....	600 00
Incidentals.....	150 00
Scholarships, expenses to conference.....	155 00
Miss Orcillez.....	450 00
Music teacher, portero.....	300 00

Tax on property and water..	150 00
<i>Apizaca</i> , School.....	300 00
Supplies, rent.....	190 00
Portero, freight, traveling expenses.....	110 00
<i>Orizaba</i> , Teacher.....	350 00
Rent.....	250 00
School, portero.....	100 00

Total for Mexico..... \$5,740 00

Grand total..... \$33,426 00

## NORTH-WESTERN BRANCH.

*North India.*

<i>Naini Tal</i> , Assistant for Miss Knowles.....	\$288 00
School building.....	400 00
<i>Dwara Hath</i> , Matron.....	24 00
Teacher and pundit.....	62 00
Scholarships.....	132 00
Repairs.....	20 00
<i>Bhabar</i> , Building schoolhouse.	400 00
<i>Paori</i> , Six girls.....	102 00
<i>Pithoragarh</i> , Farm manager... Boarding school and scholarships.....	24 00
<i>Bijnour</i> , Twenty-five girls....	120 00
Repairs and buildings.....	300 00
Matron.....	120 00
<i>Moradabad</i> , Eighteen girls....	60 00
Itinerating.....	210 00
<i>Chandauli</i> , Bible woman and schools.....	40 00
<i>Bareilly</i> , Orphanage, seventeen girls.....	180 00
<i>Panahpore</i> .....	204 00
<i>Budaon</i> , Five scholars.....	80 00
Assistants.....	60 00
Munshi.....	240 00
Conveyance.....	24 00
Itinerating.....	140 00
Munshi.....	40 00
Medicines.....	24 00
Repairs.....	40 00
<i>Lucknow</i> , second assistant....	40 00
Third assistant.....	240 00
High school assistant.....	216 00
Munshi.....	288 00
<i>Gonda</i> , Itinerating.....	72 00
Opening new work.....	40 00
<i>Cawnpore</i> , First assistant....	100 00
Second Assistant.....	264 00
Munshi.....	240 00
Land tax.....	72 00
Lady to be sent to N. India..	60 00

Total..... \$5,566 00

*South India.*

<i>Bombay</i> , Miss DeLine's salary.	\$650 00
Miss Sunder Bai Power.....	264 00
Miss DeLine's pundit.....	50 00
Miss Furness' salary.....	216 00
Miss Furness' pundit.....	50 00
House rent.....	650 00
Conveyance.....	100 00
Native teachers.....	125 00
City schools.....	150 00
House rent.....	150 05
New home.....	5,000 00
<i>Rangoon</i> , Lady to be sent....	600 00

<i>Calcutta</i> , Bengali school.....	200 00
Seven scholarships.....	588 00

Total.....	\$8,793 00
Total for India .....	14,359 00

*North China.*

<i>Peking</i> , Boarding school.....	\$100 00
<i>Tientsin</i> , Dr. Gloss' salary.....	600 00
Dr. Gloss' incidentals .....	150 00
Dr. Gloss' teacher.....	50 00
Two gatekeepers .....	100 00
Hospital current expenses..	400 00
Conveyance .....	25 00
Repairs and postage.....	100 00

Total.....	\$1,525 00
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*Foochow.*

Dr. Kate Corey's salary .....	\$600 00
Incidentals .....	150 00
Teacher .....	72 00
Traveling expenses .....	120 00
Hospital expenses.....	400 00
Hospital watchman .....	42 00
Hospital repairs .....	150 00
Hospital insurance .....	12 00
Paper mache model.....	200 00
Boarding school.....	300 00
School watchman.....	42 00
Foochow district schools...	400 00
Ing Chung woman's school..	250 00

Total .....	\$2,738 00
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*Central China.*

<i>Kiu Kiang</i> , Miss Howe's salary.....	\$600 00
Miss Howe's incidentals.....	150 00
Miss Wheeler's salary.....	600 00
Miss Wheeler's incidentals..	150 00
Miss Wheeler's teacher.....	85 00
<i>Chung King</i> , Orphans to be sent .....	50 00
Repairs on two houses.....	75 00
Rent and watchman for bungalow .....	74 00
Gateman .....	37 00

Total.....	\$1,821 00
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<i>Nanking</i> , Miss Ella Shaw's salary .....	\$600 00
Miss Ella Shaw's incidentals.....	150 00
Miss Ella Shaw's teacher....	75 00
School expenses.....	150 00
Furniture.....	150 00

Total.....	\$1,125 00
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<i>Chin Kiang</i> , Miss M. C. Robinson's salary .....	\$600 00
Incidentals .....	150 00
Teacher .....	75 00
Watchman .....	49 00
Lady to be sent .....	1,000 00
Finishing home and school..	300 00
Wuhu work to be transferred to Nanking.....	300 00

Total.....	\$2,474 00
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Total for China .....	\$9,683 00
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*Korea.*

Dr. Metta Howard's salary..	\$600 00
Dr. Metta Howard's incidentals .....	150 00
Dr. Metta Howard's teacher.....	80 00
Dr. Metta Howard's traveling expenses.....	150 00
Medicines and instruments..	250 00
Freight and duties.....	125 00
Repairs on house and stable.....	200 00
Total.....	\$1,555 00

*Japan.*

<i>Tokyo</i> , Scholarships.....	\$680 00
Native teachers.....	400 00
Ground rent.....	275 00
Tracts and papers.....	50 00
Building in Aoyama.....	1,750 00

Total.....	\$3,155 00
<i>Hakodati</i> , Native teacher .....	200 00
Scholarships .....	280 00

Total.....	\$480 00
<i>Nagasaki</i> , Scholarships .....	\$200 00
<i>Fukuoka</i> , House rent.....	108 00
Scholarships .....	160 00

Total.....	\$468 00
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<i>Yokohama</i> , Mrs. Van Petten's salary.....	\$600 00
Mrs. Van Petten's incidentals.....	150 00
Mrs. Van Petten's teacher...	100 00
Repairs .....	100 00
Scholarships of Bible women.....	160 00
<i>Tobe</i> , Woman's school.....	100 00
<i>Kanogawa</i> , School .....	300 00
Books, tracts, and papers...	75 00
Traveling expenses.....	150 00
Additional lot.....	300 00
School furniture .....	50 00

Total.....	\$2,085 00
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Total for Japan .....	\$6,188 00
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*South America.*

<i>Rosario</i> , Miss L. B. Denning's salary.....	\$600 00
Miss L. B. Denning's incidentals .....	150 00
Assistants .....	350 00
Gratuitous education.....	225 00
Furniture.....	300 00
Deficit on building.....	100 00

<i>Montevideo</i> , Lady to be sent, salary and incidentals.....	750 00
Outfit and traveling expenses .....	500 00
School work.....	1,500 00

Total.....	\$4,475 00
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*Mexico.*

<i>Mexico City</i> , Scholarship.....	\$420 00
Primary teacher.....	250 00
Water and street tax .....	150 00
Physicians and medicine...	135 00

Beds and bedding .....	80 00
Indebtedness on property...	1,000 00
<i>Pachuca</i> , Primary and music teacher .....	420 00
School supplies .....	150 00
Portero .....	130 00
Repairs and care of garden..	135 00
School requisites .....	200 00
<i>Puebla</i> , Assistants in schools..	280 00
<i>Tetela</i> , Miss L. R. Hewett's salary .....	600 00
Miss L. R. Hewett's incident-als .....	150 00
Miss L. R. Hewett's expenses to conference .....	35 00
House rent .....	160 00
School supplies .....	75 00
Portero .....	80 00
Assistant teacher .....	250 00
Travel .....	75 00
Baby organ .....	75 00
Repairs .....	50 00

Total..... \$4,900 00

#### *Bulgaria.*

<i>Loftcha</i> , Miss Schenck's salary.	\$600 00
Miss Schenck's incidentals..	150 00
Miss Ella C. Fincham's salary .....	600 00
Miss Ella C. Fincham's incidentals .....	150 00
Scholarships .....	240 00
Incidentals and repairs .....	150 00
Postage .....	5 00

Total..... \$1,895 00

#### *Italy.*

Miss Emma Hall's salary and incidentals .....	\$750 00
Miss Emma Hall's teacher ..	50 00
<i>Bologna</i> , Mrs. Polsinelli .....	120 00
<i>Florence</i> , Mrs. Fabroni .....	120 00
<i>Tarenta</i> , Mrs. Gray .....	240 00
House rent .....	228 00
Tracts .....	50 00
Contingent fund .....	200 00

Total..... \$1,758 00

Contingent..... \$1,187 00

Grand total..... \$46,000 00

#### DES MOINES BRANCH.

#### *India.*

<i>Pauri</i> , Orphans, six at \$17 .....	\$102 00
Medical work .....	40 00
<i>Pithora</i> , School matron .....	24 00
Home building .....	100 00
<i>Moradabad</i> , School .....	60 00
<i>Bareilly</i> , Orphans, eight, at \$25.	200 00
Mrs. Lawson's salary .....	650 00
<i>Budaon</i> , Orphans, 12, at \$16.67..	200 00
<i>Lucknow</i> , Third ass't teacher High School .....	216 00
Roof, cook house, etc .....	120 00
Matron .....	216 00
Mela work .....	260 00
<i>Gonda</i> , Bible readers .....	81 00
Conveyance .....	80 00
<i>Cawnpore</i> , Third ass't teacher, zenana .....	216 00
<i>Madras</i> , Second assis't teacher.	240 00
Pundit .....	50 00

Total..... \$2,655 00

#### *China.*

<i>Peking</i> , Fifteen scholarships..	\$350 00
<i>Tientsin</i> , Training school .....	200 00
Traveling expenses .....	100 00
<i>Foochow</i> Hospital .....	200 00
<i>Hok Chiang</i> , Day school .....	250 00
<i>Chin Kiang</i> , New hospital .....	400 00

Total..... \$1,500 00

#### *Japan.*

<i>Tokyo</i> , Scholarships, six .....	\$200 00
Native teacher .....	125 00
Miss Vance's salary .....	600 00
Miss Vance's teacher .....	100 00
Incidentals .....	150 00
New building .....	500 00
<i>Hakodati</i> , Native teacher .....	150 00
Scholarships, six, at \$40 .....	240 00
<i>Nagasaki</i> , Scholarships, three at \$40 .....	120 00
<i>Sendai</i> , Mrs. Cleveland's work.	
English speaking Bible women .....	100 00
Traveling expenses .....	20 00
Tracts and papers .....	10 00
Furniture (conditional) .....	200 00

Total..... \$2,515 00

#### *Korea.*

<i>Seoul</i> , Hospital patients .....	\$150 00
Hospital additions .....	200 00

Total..... \$350 00

#### *Bulgaria.*

<i>Loftcha</i> , Second ass't teacher..	\$150 00
Five scholars at \$4.00 .....	20 00
House rent .....	70 00

Total..... \$240 00

#### *Mexico.*

<i>Mexico City</i> , Two scholarships at \$70 .....	\$140 00
Lights .....	140 00
New building .....	1,000 00
<i>Guanajuato</i> , Mexican assistant.	360 00
Bible woman .....	100 00
Rent .....	200 00

Total..... \$1,940 00

#### *Italy.*

<i>Forli</i> , Bible woman, Mrs. Palmieri .....	\$120 00
Tracts and cards .....	50 00

Total..... \$170 00

#### *South America.*

<i>Rosario</i> , Assistant teacher .....	\$300 00
Gratuitous education .....	150 00
Debt on building .....	150 00
<i>Buenos Ayres</i> , Rent .....	500 00
School .....	150 00
<i>Montevideo</i> , Schools .....	250 00
School work .....	500 00
Return Mrs. Turney (conditional) .....	50 00

Total..... \$2,000 00

Lady to be sent to China...	1,200 00
	12,750 00
Contingent .....	\$430 00
Total.....	\$13,050 00

## MINNEAPOLIS BRANCH.

*North India.*

<i>Paori</i> , Girl's Orphanage .....	\$255 00
<i>Pithoragarh</i> , Girls and women.	200 00
Three teachers .....	23 00
Home matron.....	24 00
<i>Bareilly</i> , Miss D'Abreu.....	288 00
Girl's Orphanage.....	85 00
<i>Muhamdi</i> , School and Bible readers .....	90 00
<i>Budaon</i> , Scholarships.....	260 00
Mrs. Butterfield.....	172 00
Agnes, Bible reader.....	50 00
Girl's school .....	200 00
<i>Lucknow</i> Mrs. Ward, assistant.	264 00
<i>Colonel Gunge</i> , School and Bible reader .....	112 00
Total.....	\$2,028 00

*South India.*

<i>Bombay</i> , Miss Abram's salary.	\$650 00
Pundit .....	50 00
Two new assistants.....	432 00
Pundit .....	100 00
Teacher, second year, Miss Belcham .....	240 00
Conveyance .....	100 00
Oxen and wagon .....	125 00
City schools.....	150 00
Total.....	\$1,847 00

<i>Mussorie District</i> , Roorkee girls' school, Bible readers.	232 00
<i>Hyderabad</i> , assistant.....	240 00

Total for South India.... \$2,319 00

Total for India .....

*China.*

<i>Foochow</i> , Girl's boarding school .....	\$200 00
<i>Nanking</i> , Girls from Wuhu....	75 00

Total..... \$275 00

*Japan.*

<i>Tokyo</i> , Scholarship, L. Norton.	\$40 00
Bible woman for Mrs. Macclay .....	60 00
Native teacher .....	125 00
<i>Yokohama</i> , Three scholarships in training school .....	120 00
<i>Hakodati</i> , Five scholarships....	200 00
<i>Nagasaki</i> , Bible reader Nora San	24 00
<i>Sendai</i> , Mrs. Suarty's work ..	
English speaking Bible woman .....	100 00
Tracts and papers .....	10 00
Traveling expenses ..	55 00
Total for Japan .....	\$744 00

*South America.*

<i>Rosario</i> , Two assistants:—.....	
Pauline and Juana.....	250 00
Number 3 assistant.....	100 00
Two scholarships.....	150 00

Total..... \$500 00

*Mexico.*

<i>Mexico City</i> , One scholarship..	\$70 00
<i>Puebla</i> , Salary of Miss Ogden..	750 00
Furniture .....	100 00
Expenses to Conference.....	25 00
Four scholarships.....	130 00

Total..... \$1,075 00

*Bulgaria.*

<i>Loftcha</i> , Four scholarships....	\$160 00
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*Singapore.*

Miss Blackmore's salary....	650 00
Pundit.....	100 00
Two assistants .....	350 00
Gharry contingent.....	150 00

\$1,250 00

## Less local helps:

By school fees.....	150 00
Collection.....	60 00

\$210 00

Total..... \$1,040 00

Harrison Memorial Industrial Home .....	
<i>Tokyo</i> , Japan .....	3,700 00
Singapore contingent.....	1,500 00

Grand total .....

## TOPEKA BRANCH.

*India.*

<i>Kaladungi</i> Bible reader.....	\$24 00
<i>Dwarahath</i> , Boarding school, scholarships.....	72 00
<i>Pauri</i> , Orphanage girls' support.....	68 00
<i>Pithoragarh</i> , Scholars.....	125 00
Building .....	100 00
<i>Bijnour</i> , Boarding school....	96 00
<i>Moradabad</i> , Teacher.....	144 00
<i>Bareilly</i> , Orphanage.....	250 00
Christian woman's school..	48 00
Itinerating .....	20 00
Mumshi.....	24 00
<i>Kant</i> , School and Bible reader	51 00
<i>Budaon</i> , Boarding school....	200 00
<i>Kas Ganj</i> , Schools and Bible-reader.....	48 00
<i>Lucknow</i> , Miss Blackmar's salary.....	650 00
Miss Fuller's salary .....	650 00
Bible reader.....	50 00
<i>Cawnpore</i> , Fourth assistant...	216 00

Total for India .... \$2,836 00

*China.*

<i>Peking</i> , Boarding school, five scholars.....	\$150 00
<i>Tartar City</i> , day school ....	75 00



<i>Tsun Hua</i> , Completing walls and walks.....	250 00
Total for China.....	\$475 00

*Central China.*

<i>Kiu Kiang</i> , Pupils to be brought from Chung King .....	175 00
Teacher .....	37 00
Matron.....	37 00
Cook.....	37 00
<i>Chin Kiang</i> , Orphan from Chung King .....	25 00
Building hospital.....	400 00

Total for Central China.. 711 00

<i>Foochow</i> , Hospital deaconess..	36 00
Deaconess .....	24 00
Boarding school, scholarships.....	100 00
Hok Chiang District, four schools .....	200 00

Total for Foochow..... 360 00

Total for China ..... \$1,546 00

*Japan.*

<i>Tokio</i> , Salary of Miss Watson	600 00
Incidentals, Miss Watson....	150 00
Personal teacher, Miss Watson.....	100 00
Two scholarships.....	80 00
Native teacher.....	100 00
Tsukiji day school.....	200 00
New building .....	250 00
<i>Hakodati</i> , Five scholarships..	200 00
<i>Yokohama</i> , Two scholarships..	80 00
<i>Nagasaki</i> , Two scholarships ..	80 00
<i>Fukuoka</i> , Two native teachers	216 00
Matron .....	36 00

Total for Japan ..... \$2,092 00

*Bulgaria.*

<i>Loftcha</i> , Two scholars at \$40 ..	80 00
Five scholars, at \$10.....	50 00
Bible work .....	200 00

Total for Bulgaria..... \$330 00

*Korea.*

<i>Seoul</i> , Three scholarships.....	\$150 00
Matron.....	50 00
Blankets, mats, and other supplies .....	100 00

Total for Korea ..... \$300 00

*Italy.*

<i>Foggia</i> , Bible woman.....	\$120 00
<i>Venosa</i> , Bible women.....	60 00

Total for Italy..... \$180 00

*Mexico.*

<i>Mexico City</i> , Two scholars ....	\$140 00
Property .....	500 00
<i>Ayapango</i> , Teacher.....	250 00
Rent .....	50 00
School supplies .....	50 00
Bible woman, supplies.....	100 00
<i>Puebla</i> , School furniture and supplies .....	200 00
Four scholarships.....	260 00

Total for Mexico..... \$1,550 00

*South America.*

<i>Rosario</i> , Salary of assistants ...	\$200 00
Gratuitous education.....	75 00
Return of Mrs. Turney.....	50 00
<i>Montevideo</i> , Schools .....	250 00

Total for South America 575 00  
Contingent..... 591 00

Grand total..... \$10,000 00



## SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATIONS, 1887-88.

BRANCH.	India.	China.	Japan.	Korea.	Mexico.	South America.	Italy.	Bulgaria	Singapore.	Contin- gent.	Total.
New England...	\$8,332	\$5,786	\$5,570	\$1,362	\$3,942	\$4,075	\$300	\$280	.....	.....	\$29,627
New York....	16,840	7,528	10,098	1,005	5,953	2,925	1,090	680	.....	\$4,000	50,119
Philadelphia...	7,268	1,460	5,295	345	4,835	200	338	530	.....	429	20,700
Baltimore .....	4,468	3,028	2,930	300	850	.....	192	.....	.....	500	12,268
Cincinnati.....	11,917	5,934	6,995	1,500	5,740	850	490	.....	.....	.....	33,426
North-Western	14,359	9,683	6,188	1,555	4,900	4,475	1,758	1,895	.....	1,187	46,000
Des Moines....	2,655	2,700	2,515	350	1,940	2,050	170	240	.....	430	13,050
Minneapolis ..	4,347	275	*4,144	.....	1,075	500	.....	160	\$1,040	1,500	13,041
Topeka.....	2,836	1,546	2,092	300	1,550	575	180	330	.....	591	10,000
	\$73,022	\$37,920	\$45,827	\$6,717	\$30,785	\$15,650	\$4,518	\$4,115	\$1,040	\$8,637	\$228,231

\*This includes the bequest (3,700) of Mrs. W. M. Harrison for Memorial Industrial Home in Yokohama.

LIST OF REAL ESTATE  
BELONGING TO THE  
WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

INDIA.

BUDAON—School building, .....	\$ 3,000
BAREILLY—Home (13 acres), .....	12,500
Hospital, .....	9,000
Orphanage, .....	3,000
MORADABAD—School building, .....	2,000
Home, .....	3,500
LUCKNOW—School building, .....	4,000
Home, .....	7,360
Boarding halls, .....	2,300
Home for Friendless, .....	4,500
CAWNPORE—School building, .....	8,000
Home, .....	4,500
PAORI—Orphanage, .....	1,500
GONDA—School building, .....	300
PITHORAGARH—Adeline Newman's Home (for Friendless Women), .....	1,500
BLJNOUR, .....	3,000
ALMORAH—Sanitarium, .....	4,000
NAINI TAL—Boarding school, .....	13,000

CHINA.

PEKING—Home and school, .....	12,000
KIU KIANG—School building and home (dispensary \$600) .....	7,000
CHIN KIANG, .....	5,000
FOOCHOW—School building, .....	4,000
Hospital, .....	6,000
TRIENSTIN—Hospital and home, .....	12,000
WUHU—School, .....	1,850
NANKING—School, .....	4,000

JAPAN.

TOKYO—School building, .....	10,000
HAKODATI—Home and school, .....	10,000
NAGASAKI, .....	10,000
YOKOHAMA, .....	3,500
FUKUOKA, .....	9,000
KOREA—Home and school, .....	9,000

MEXICO.

PACHUCA—Home, .....	5,500
PUEBLA—Home and school, .....	16,500
MEXICO CITY—Orphanage, .....	19,000

SOUTH AMERICA.

ROSARIO, .....	10,000
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BULGARIA.

LOFTCHA—School, .....	4,500
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Total, .....	\$239,810
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CONSTITUTION  
OF THE  
WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY,

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ARTICLE I.—NAME.

This Association shall be called "THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH."

ARTICLE II.—PURPOSE.

The purpose of this Society is to engage and unite the efforts of Christian women in sending female Missionaries to women in the foreign Mission fields of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and in supporting them and native Christian teachers and Bible readers in those fields.

ARTICLE III.—MEMBERSHIP.

The payment of one dollar annually shall constitute membership, and twenty dollars life membership. Any person paying one hundred dollars shall become an Honorary Manager for life, and the contribution of three hundred dollars shall constitute the donor an Honorary Patron for life.

ARTICLE IV.—ORGANIZATION.

The organization of this Society shall consist of a General Executive Committee, Co-ordinate Branches, Auxiliary Societies, to be constituted and limited as laid down in subsequent articles.

ARTICLE V.—GENERAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

SECTION 1. The management and general administration of the affairs of the Society shall be vested in a General Executive Committee, consisting of the Corresponding Secretary and two delegates from each Branch, which delegates, together with two reserves, shall be elected at the Branch Annual Meetings, said meetings to be held within two months before the meeting of the General Executive Committee. Said committee shall meet at Boston, the third Wednesday in April, 1870, and annually or oftener thereafter, at such time and place as the General Executive Committee shall annually determine.

SEC. 2. The duties of the General Executive Committee shall be:

1. To take into consideration the interests and demands of the entire work of the Society, as presented in the reports of Branch Corresponding Secretaries, and in the estimates of the needs of Mission fields; to ascertain the financial condition of the Society; to appropriate its money in accordance with the purposes and methods herein indicated; to devise means for carrying forward the work of the Society; fixing the amounts to be raised; employing new Missionaries, designating their fields of labor, examining the reports of those already employed, and arranging with the several Branches the work to be undertaken by each.

2. To appoint a committee, consisting of one from each Branch, to have charge of the Missionary paper of this Society, and to arrange for the publication of an Annual Report of the work of the Society.

3 To transact any other business that the interests of the Society may demand, provided all the plans and directions of the committee shall be in harmony with the provisions of the Constitution.

#### ARTICLE VI.—BRANCHES.

SECTION 1. The organizations already formed at Boston, New York, Philadelphia, Chicago and Cincinnati, shall be regarded as Co-ordinate Branches of this Society, on their acceptance of this relationship under the provisions of the present Constitution.

SEC. 2 Other Branches may be organized in accordance with the following general plan for districting the territory of the church :

DISTRICTS.	STATES.	HEADQUARTERS.
I.	New England States . . . . .	Boston.
II.	New York and New Jersey . . . . .	New York.
III.	Pennsylvania and Delaware . . . . .	Philadelphia.
IV.	Maryland, District of Columbia and Virginia . . . . .	Baltimore.
V.	Ohio, West Virginia, Kentucky and Tennessee . . . . .	Cincinnati.
VI.	Illinois, Indiana, Michigan and Wisconsin . . . . .	Chicago.
VII.	Iowa and Missouri . . . . .	Des Moines.
VIII.	Minnesota, Dakota, Montana, Idaho, Washington Territory and Oregon . . . . .	Minneapolis.
IX.	Kansas, Nebraska, Colorado and Wyoming . . . . .	Topeka.
X.	Arkansas, Mississippi, Louisiana and Texas . . . . .	New Orleans.
XI.	North Carolina, South Carolina, Alabama, Georgia and Florida . . . . .	Atlanta.
XII.	Pacific Coast . . . . .	San Francisco.

¶ This plan, however, may be changed by an affirmative vote of three-fourths of the members of the General Executive Committee present at any annual meeting of the same. **§7.5**

SEC. 3. The officers of each Branch Society shall consist of a President, not less than ten Vice-Presidents, a Recording Secretary, a Corresponding Secretary, a Treasurer, an Auditor, and not less than ten Managers. These with the exception of Auditor, shall constitute an Executive Committee for the administration of the affairs of the Branch, nine of whom shall be a quorum for the transaction of business. These officers shall be elected at the annual meeting of the Branch, and shall continue in office until others are chosen in their stead.

SEC. 4. The President, or one of the Vice-Presidents, shall preside at all meetings of the Branch and of its Executive Committee.

The Recording Secretary shall notify all meetings of the Branch and of the Executive Committee, and shall keep a full record of the proceedings.

The Corresponding Secretary shall, under the direction of the Executive Committee, conduct the correspondence of the Society with foreign missionaries, with the other Branches, and with its Auxiliary Societies (hereinafter mentioned), and shall endeavor, by all practical means, to form Auxiliary Societies within the prescribed territory of the Branch. It shall also be her duty to present to the annual meeting of the General Executive Committee a report of the work of the Branch during the year, for publication in its annual report.

The Treasurer shall receive all contributions to the Branch, keeping proper books of account, and shall make such disposition of the funds as the Executive Committee may direct, each order of the committee being duly signed by the Corresponding Secretary.

SEC. 5. The Executive Committee shall have supervision of the work assigned to the Branch by the General Executive Committee, and may order the disbursements of the funds required for that work, provide for all the wants, and receive all the reports of the Missionaries, Bible Women, and Teachers, who, by the plan of the General Executive Committee, are to be supported by the Branch.

SEC. 6. No Branch shall project new work or undertake the support of new Missionaries, except by the direction or with the approval of the General Executive Committee.

SEC. 7. Each Branch may make its own By-Laws regulating its meetings and those of the Executive Committee, also any others which may be deemed necessary to its efficiency, not inconsistent with this Constitution.

#### ARTICLE VII.—AUXILIARY SOCIETIES.

Any number of women who shall contribute not less than ten dollars annually may form a Society auxiliary to that Branch of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, within whose prescribed territorial limits they may reside, by appointing a President, three or more Vice-Presidents or Managers, a Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer, who together shall constitute a local Executive Committee.

#### ARTICLE VIII.—RELATION TO THE MISSIONARY AUTHORITIES OF THE CHURCH.

SEC. 1. This Society shall work in harmony with and under the supervision of the Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church. The appointment, recall, and remuneration of Missionaries, and the designation of their fields of labor, shall be subject to the approval of the Board of Managers of the Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and annual appropriations to Mission fields shall be submitted for revision and approval to the General Missionary Committee of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

SEC. 2. All Missionaries sent by this Society shall labor under the direction of the particular Conferences or Missions of the Church in which they may be severally employed. They shall be annually appointed by the President of the Conference or Mission, and shall be subject to the same rules of removal that govern the other Missionaries.

SEC. 3. All the work of the Woman's Society in foreign lands shall be under the direction of the Conferences or Missions, and their committees, in exactly the same manner as the work of the Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, the Superintendent or Presiding Elder having the same relation to the work and the person in charge that he would have were it in the charge of any member of the Conference or Mission.

SEC. 4. The funds of the Society shall not be raised by collections or subscriptions taken during any of our church services, nor in any promiscuous public meetings, nor in any Sunday schools, but shall be raised by such methods as the Constitution of the Society shall provide, none of which shall interfere with the contributions of our people and Sunday schools for the treasury of the Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and the amount so collected shall be reported by the preacher in charge to the annual Conference, and be entered in the column among the benevolent collections in the annual General Minutes.

SEC. 5. Section 4 of this article shall not be so interpreted as to prevent the ladies from taking collections in ladies' meetings convened in the interest of their Societies, nor from securing memberships, life memberships, etc., in audiences where their work is represented, nor from holding festivals or arranging lectures in the interests of their work.

#### ARTICLE IX.—CHANGE OF CONSTITUTION.

This Constitution may be changed at any annual meeting of the General Executive Committee, by a two-thirds vote of each Branch delegation, notice of the proposed change having been given at the previous annual meeting; but Article VIII shall not be changed except with the concurrence of the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

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## BY-LAWS

### OF THE

### GENERAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

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I. The General Executive Committee shall convene not later than the last week in October.

II. The annual meetings of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church shall be held in such places as the said committee shall elect.



III. The President and Corresponding Secretary of the Branch within whose precincts the meeting of the General Executive Committee is to be held, shall fix the exact date of the meeting of said committee, and arrange for the anniversary exercises.

IV. The Branch Corresponding Secretaries shall meet at least one day before the time of the meeting of the General Executive Committee, for the purpose of nominating the members of the Standing Committees, and planning work for its session, and report the same at the opening of said committee. .

V. The Corresponding Secretary of the Branch within the bounds of which the committee convenes shall preside over its meetings until a permanent organization is effected.

VI. The order of business shall be as follows :

1. Calling the roll.
2. Election of President and Secretary.
3. Appointment of Standing Committees, *i. e.*, Committee on Publication, Committee on Finance, Committee on Application of Missionary Candidates, Committee on By-Laws.
4. Reception of Estimates, Memorials and Petitions.
5. Reports of Corresponding Secretaries.
6. Report of Committee of Reference.
7. Report of Constitutional Publication Committee.
8. Report of Official Correspondents and presentation of information from foreign work.
9. Fixing place of next meeting.
10. Notice of constitutional amendments.
11. Miscellaneous business.
12. Reports of Standing Committees daily, immediately after reading of minutes.

VII. The rules of order shall be as follows :

1. Each session shall open and close with devotional exercises.
2. All resolutions to be discussed shall be presented in writing.
3. All ladies speaking shall rise when they address the Chair.
4. No member shall be granted leave or absence except by a vote of the entire body.

VIII. It shall be the duty of the Recording Secretary of the General Executive Committee to forward to our foreign treasurers, as soon as practicable after adjournment, a copy of the appropriations for each Mission.

IX. The Secretary of each meeting of the General Executive Committee shall keep a full record of all proceedings, and enter them upon a suitable book of record, which shall be deposited in the safe of the *Heathen Woman's Friend*, and shall be transmitted to the next meeting of the General Executive Committee by the Corresponding Secretary of the New England Branch.

X. A committee of two shall be appointed by the General Executive Committee to edit and publish a full report of the work of the Society as soon as practicable after the adjournment of said committee.

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I. — BRANCH CORRESPONDING SECRETARIES.

1. The Branch Corresponding Secretaries shall superintend all the interests of their respective Branches; conduct the correspondence of the Society with foreign Missionaries; be present at all Branch quarterly meetings, and present a quarterly report of the work of the Branch, and give to the public, or direct to be given, all communications and plans of the business of their respective Branches.

2. Each Corresponding Secretary shall be required to furnish in her report to the General Executive Committee the following items: Number of Auxiliary Societies, members, life members, honorary patrons and managers, subscribers to the *Heathen Woman's Friend*, and the receipts of the treasurer. In her report of the foreign work she shall include the number of Missionaries, Bible readers, boarding schools, and orphans supported by her Branch.

II. — BRANCH TREASURERS.

1. Branch Treasurers shall be required to publish each month in the *Heathen Woman's Friend* their report of moneys received. They shall forward the appropriations immediately after the close of the General Executive Committee, according to the appropriations for the next year, sending them directly to the Foreign Treasurers.

1. The financial year of the Society shall commence October 1, Branch Treasurers shall close their accounts for the year by September 30, as nearly as possible.

3. The money received from annual membership shall not be used to make life members, honorary managers, or honorary patrons. Life membership shall be made by the payment of twenty dollars, given specifically for that purpose. If in installments, the final payment shall be made as soon as practicable, and the membership reported as complete only when that has been done; all installments to be credited on the Treasurer's book, and acknowledged in the *Heathen Woman's Friend*.

4. In case any Branch is unable to meet the obligations it has assumed, any other Branch may, by the action of its Executive Board, be permitted to use its surplus funds in aid of the Branch deficient.

5. Any bequest or donation made to the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society shall be paid to the Treasurer of the Branch within whose territory the bequest or donation is made, unless otherwise specified by the donor.

### III. — FOREIGN TREASURERS.

1. Our foreign treasurers shall forward their estimates, properly approved, to the Corresponding Secretary of the New York Branch, that she may present them to the authorities of the General Missionary Society for their action, on or before the first of October.

2. The Treasurers in the foreign fields are instructed to make their financial reports to the Branch Corresponding Secretaries.

3. The Treasurers in the foreign fields are requested to forward promptly receipts for moneys received to the Branch Treasurers and Corresponding Secretaries.

4. The salary of our Missionaries shall be paid in foreign fields on the basis of American gold.

5. The funds of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society shall be entirely under the control of the General Executive Committee, to be used only for the purpose designated by that committee.

6. If any surplus funds remain in the foreign treasuries from unused appropriations, exchange, or any other source, they must report to the Branches from whose moneys they accrue.

### IV. — OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENTS.

The Branch Corresponding Secretaries shall correspond with the Missionaries, so as to be able to present a full report of the work in each Mission, such information to be presented to the General Executive Committee, the fields assigned to the several Secretaries to be arranged by themselves.

### V. — THE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE.

1. The Committee of Reference shall be composed of the Branch Corresponding Secretaries.

2. It shall meet immediately after the adjournment of the General Executive Committee, and organize by the election of a Chairman and Secretary.

3. All cases of emergency that would come before the General Executive Committee, arising in the interim of its sessions, shall be submitted to this Committee, and decided by a majority vote.

4. The chairman shall send each resolution that is submitted to the committee to each member, and when all have returned their votes, she shall declare the result, and order the secretary to record both resolution and votes.

5. The committee shall present a full report of its action during the year to the General Executive Committee for approval and permanent record.

## VI. — INSTRUCTIONS TO MISSIONARIES.

We call the attention of the Missionaries of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society especially to Article VIII, Section 3, of Constitution, in compliance with which they will consult the superintendent of the mission in which they are laboring on all general plans of their work, and advise with him as to the most effective measures to be taken in the purchase of property, building, and any important undertaking belonging to their special interest.

1. They are expected to attend the annual meeting or conference of their mission, that they may confer with other members of the mission upon all topics connected with their own department, and will report quarterly to the superintendent.

2. They will be expected to devote their entire time and attention to their legitimate work, as all their temporal necessities will be provided for by the Society.

3. They are required to send annual and quarterly reports to the Corresponding Secretary having charge of their work, and the action of the General Executive Committee will be communicated to them through that secretary or the correspondent appointed for their field by said committee, and no other instructions are to be considered as official.

4. They, with the wives of Missionaries who labor in the interest of the Society, shall constitute a committee to prepare, at each session of the conference or annual meeting of the Missionaries, the estimates for the ensuing year, which estimates shall have the sanction of said conference or annual meeting before being forwarded to the General Executive Committee.

5. They shall incur no expense during the year to be met by this Society for which the estimate has not previously been submitted to and approved by the General Executive Committee at its annual meeting.

6. They shall credit to the Society all donations received for the support of their work, and annually report the same with their financial statement.

7. All solicitations for funds for special work must be made through the proper official authorities, and Missionaries are instructed not to apply to private sources for aid for support of their work.

8. A Medical Missionary shall be accountable to the Branch from which she is sent. She shall keep an itemized account of all receipts and disbursements; such receipts may be used for necessary expenses in her medical work; any surplus being remitted to the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, and her medical outfit shall be the property of the same.

9. If there prove to be a manifest unfitness for Missionary labor, the General Executive Committee may cancel its obligations to a Missionary whom it has appointed, three months' notice having been given to such appointee by the Committee of Reference, return passage to be paid by the Society, provided she return at the expiration of the three months.

10. A lady Missionary desiring her expenses paid by the Society for a return home from any other cause than that of ill health, must secure permission from the General Executive Committee or Committee of Reference through the Corresponding Secretary of the Branch supporting her.

11. All rules pertaining to the relations of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church with its Missionaries shall be published in the General Annual Report.

12. The Corresponding Secretary of the Branch by which any Missionary is sent shall be required to sign the following contract: I,———, Corresponding Secretary of —— Branch, by which the money is raised for the support of ——, agree on the part of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, to pay the travelling expenses of —— from the time of her leaving home to that of her arrival in her field of labor, and also her salary from the latter date. In case of illness, I agree, on the part of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, to submit a resolution to the General Executive Committee, or in the interim of its sessions, to the Committee of Reference, asking the privilege of her return home. Such permission being granted, I agree to pay her return passage; and in case her relations to the Society are harmonious, her salary for the first year, at the rate of three hundred and fifty dollars, or if it be inexpedient for her to return, at the rate of three hundred dollars.

In case of emergency demanding her immediate return home, she shall bring a certificate of disability from a physician and the superintendent of the Mission.

13. We agree to pay our Missionaries \$200 for personal outfit, and \$100 for the furnishing of the home, the latter to be the property of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.

14. Each returned Missionary shall be expected to attend the first General Executive Committee session after her return, and her travelling expenses to and from the place of meeting shall be met by the Branch supporting her.

15. We accept the relation of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society to the authorities of the church and to our workers in the field, as interpreted by the delegated conference in India, in their session of 1881, as follows:

#### OFFICIAL RELATION OF LADY MISSIONARIES.

WHEREAS, Certain usages having grown up and been found acceptable and successful in connection with our older mission fields in India, we deem it expedient to formulate the same in the following rules:

1. In general: The position of a lady Missionary placed in charge of work in connection with any of our circuits or stations is the same as that of a second Missionary or "junior preacher" to whom special work is assigned.



2. In particular: The general plan of work, such as establishing new schools, employing and dismissing head teachers, arranging terms of tuition, board, etc., and preparing a course of study, when these matters are not fixed by an Educational Committee, selecting classes of people among whom work may be most successfully carried on, arranging dispensaries and deciding the proportion of medical work to be given to natives and Europeans, Christians and non-Christians, etc., all such *general plans* shall be arranged by the lady in charge of the special department of work, after free consultation with the Superintendent or Presiding Elder.

3. The lady Missionary in charge of work has full liberty to do the work assigned her in her own way, and to carry out the internal arrangement of her department in the manner which she deems best adapted to secure success.

4. The relation of the Superintendent or Presiding Elder to the work under the charge of a lady is the same as it would be were it under the charge of a Member of Conference—he having a general advisory supervision, auditing the accounts (when not done by trustees), making suggestions, etc., exactly as with all the other work of his district.

5. Lady Missionaries in charge of work, and all Missionaries of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, are appointed by the President of Conference, at the same time and in the same manner that the appointments of Conference are made. Should, however, a President of Conference at any time decline so to appoint, the Superintendent or Presiding Elders in Council will arrange the same.

6. All new buildings or expensive repairs or changes shall receive the sanction of Superintendent or Presiding Elder, even though no appropriation of money be asked.

7. A class of laborers are employed in our work, known as "assistants." In the employment or dismissal of these ladies, the consent of the Superintendent of Mission or of the Presiding Elder must be secured. They may be transferred by the Presiding Elder, with the consent of the lady in charge of the department in which they are employed. When these lady assistants, being members of our church, by several years of faithful service, have come to be received as belonging permanently to our body of laborers, they may, on the recommendation of the Ladies' Society, when such exists, or by quarterly Conference, be formally recognized by Conference, and appointed the same as lady Missionaries are.

8. In case of a transfer of a lady Missionary or an "assistant" from one Conference or charge to another, a written permission shall be secured, signed by Superintendent or Presiding Elder in whose jurisdiction the person may be employed, when, according to the condition in Rule 7, the engagement may be completed.

#### REQUIREMENTS OF MISSIONARY CANDIDATES.

1. Each Branch shall appoint a standing committee of five, of which the Branch Corresponding Secretary shall be chairman, who shall investi-



gate the case of any candidate within the limits of the Branch, and shall supply such candidate with blank for health certificate and constitutional questions, to be filled out and answered by her; and when practicable, a personal interview shall be had with the lady, by two or more of the committee before her papers are forwarded to the Reference Committee or the committee appointed at the General Executive Meeting.

2. A Missionary candidate must believe herself divinely called to the work of a foreign Missionary, and assert her belief that she is actuated only by a desire to act in accordance with God's will.

3. She must here indicate her ability to work in a foreign field by Christian usefulness at home.

4. She must declare her intention to make foreign missionary work the service of her effective years, and agree to give at least five years of continuous service, as a single woman, to the work of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, unless prevented by ill-health: this is not to be understood in the sense that the obligation to remain in the field ceases at five years, but that her obligation to refund passage and outfit money is binding for that length of time; she must also assert her willingness to labor in any field, though her preference is always to be taken into account.

6. The age of a candidate must not be less than twenty-two years, nor more than thirty. A thorough intellectual training, with a facility in acquiring languages, and a remarkable ability for Christian work, may be considered as a sufficient reason for deviation from this rule.

7. Financial and executive ability, and power of adaptation to circumstances, are essential qualifications.

8. She must present a certificate of health from a competent physician, and give satisfactory answers to the medical questions authorized by the General Executive Committee of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.

9. Every missionary candidate is required to sign the following contract:

I, ———, agree to conform to the above requirements and conditions while in the employ of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, and failing in this, to refund the amount of outfit and passage money.

10. After the adoption of a missionary candidate, she shall be regarded as under the direction of the General Executive Committee, and of the Committee of Reference, in the interim of the sessions of that committee.

11. The case of any accepted candidate not sent out during the year, shall be brought before the General Executive Committee at its next session.

12. The testimonials of missionary candidates shall cover the following particulars: Divine call, religious experience and usefulness, intellectual qualities and culture, business and natural ability, and health. In order to fulfil these conditions, the candidate is requested to answer the following questions:

1. Do you trust that you are inwardly moved by the Holy Ghost to take upon you the work of a foreign missionary?
2. Do you desire and intend to make this your life work, and are you willing to labor in any field?
3. Have you experimental knowledge of salvation through the atonement of Jesus Christ our Lord?
4. Have you an earnest desire to win souls to Christ, and how has this desire been manifest in the past?
5. Do you believe in the doctrines of the Methodist Episcopal Church, as set forth in section 2 of the Discipline?
6. Have you a thorough English education?
7. Have you studied Latin or any modern language; what proficiency have you made, and do you readily acquire the same?
8. In what schools have you taught and with what success?
9. Have you a knowledge of music, either vocal or instrumental?
10. What is the condition of your health?
11. Have you ever been married? If so, is your husband living?
12. Will you answer by *testimonials* to each of these questions?

#### VII.—HEATHEN WOMAN'S FRIEND.

1. The paper of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society shall be known as the *Heathen Woman's Friend*.
2. Its editor and agent shall be elected annually by the General Executive Committee.
3. In the interim of the sessions of the General Executive Committee, the management of the paper shall be under the control of the Publication Committee provided by the Constitution.

#### VIII.—CONSTITUTIONAL PUBLICATION COMMITTEE.

1. This committee shall be composed of the Branch Corresponding Secretaries.
2. It shall meet and organize immediately after the adjournment of the General Executive Committee, by the election of a Chairman and Secretary.
3. The agent of the *Heathen Woman's Friend* shall give the Chairman an itemized report of the receipts and expenditures of the paper, properly audited, by the 1st of October, and another six months thereafter. If she finds it necessary to deviate from the published instructions of the General Executive Committee, she shall lay the matter before this committee, and be subject to its direction.
4. A committee of five shall be appointed annually by the Constitutional Publication Committee, to whom shall be intrusted the investment and control of the funds of the *Heathen Woman's Friend*.

5. The agent of the *Heathen Woman's Friend* shall commence and close her financial year with October 1.

6. If the office of editor or agent becomes vacant during the year, this committee shall have the power to fill the vacancy.

7. The travelling expenses of either the editor or agent of the *Heathen Woman's Friend*, and of the editor of leaflets, to and from the sessions of the General Executive Committee, shall be paid from the funds of the *Heathen Woman's Friend*.

8. This Committee shall meet prior to each session of the General Executive Committee, and report to that body the work of the year.

9. These By-Laws may be amended at any meeting of the General Executive Committee, by a two-thirds vote of the members present.

## BOOKS SUITABLE FOR REFERENCE BY AUXILIARIES

### BY METHODIST AUTHORS.

Missions and Missionaries Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, by J. M. Reid, D. D. 2 vol. \$3.00.

Doomed Religious Essays on the Heathen and Mohammedan faiths, by various authors. \$1.50.

The Land of the Veda, by Rev. Wm. Butler, D. D. \$3.50.

From Boston to Bareilly, or Origin and Progress of M. E. India Mission, by Rev. Wm. Butler, D. D. \$1.50.

Indian Missionary Directory, by Rev. B. H. Badley, D. D. \$1.50.

Missionary Life in India, by Rev. T. J. Scott, D. D. \$1.50.

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India, Country, People, Missions, by J. T. Gracey, D. D. \$1.00, cloth; paper, 50 cents.

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The Mela at Tulsipur, (for children) by Rev. B. H. Badley, D. D. \$1.50.

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Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, by Mary Sparkes Wheeler. \$1.50.

Woman's Medical Work in Foreign Lands, by Mrs. J. T. Gracey. 30cts.

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 Historical Sketches of Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies. Mrs. L. H. Daggett. 75cts.  
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 The Foreigner in China, by L. N. Wheeler, D. D. \$1.25.  
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 China, Country, People, Missions. J. T. Gracey, D. D. 15cts.  
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 2000 miles through the heart of Mexico, by Rev. Dr. McCarthy.  
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 Any of the above can be obtained of the agent, Miss. P. J. Walden, 36 Bromfield Street, Boston.

### MISSIONARY PERIODICALS.

- The *Heathen Woman's Friend*, 36 Bromfield st., Boston, Mass.  
 The Gospel in all Lands, \$2.00 per year, } Address, Gospel in all Lands,  
 The Missionary World, 25c. per year, } Methodist Book Rooms, 805  
 The Little Missionary, 25c. per year, } Broadway, New York City.  
 The *Woman's Advocate of Missions*, } M. E. Church, South Nashville, Tenn.  
 The Advocate of Missions, }  
 The Baptist Missionary Magazine, } Tremont Temple, Boston, Mass.  
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 The *Missionary Helper*, Free Baptist, Providence, R. I.  
 The Missionary Herald, } Congregational House, Boston, Mass.  
 Life and Light, }  
 The Church at Home and Abroad, Presbyterian Publishing House, Philadelphia, Pa.  
 Children's Work for Children, Presbyterian Publishing House, Philadelphia, Pa.  
 Woman's Work for Woman, (Presbyterian), 23 Centre st., New York.  
 The Missionary, (Presbyterian), South Richmond, Va.

- The Spirit of Missions, Protestant Episcopal Bible House, New York.  
 The Lutheran Missionary Journal, York, Pa.  
 The Methodist Protestant Missionary.  
 The *Missionary Link*, Woman's Union, Bible House, New York.  
 The Missionary Review of the World, No. 20 Astor Place, New York.  
*Friend's Missionary Advocate*, 56 Wabash ave., Chicago, Ill.  
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 The Missionary Record, (Cumberland Presbyterian), St. Louis, Mo.  
 The Missionary Outlook, (Methodist), Toronto, Can.  
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 The Indian Witness, Calcutta, India, or Miss Walden, 36 Bromfield st., Boston.

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Korea, the Hermit Nation . . . . .		<i>Griffis.</i>
Korea Without and Within. . . . .		"
Protestant Missions in India . . . . .		<i>Sherring.</i>
Shoshie, the Hindoo Zenana Teacher . . . . .		<i>Brittian.</i>
Life by the Ganges . . . . .		<i>Mullens.</i>
Kardoo, or the Hindoo Girl . . . . .		
Our India Mission (U. P.) . . . . .		<i>Gordon.</i>
Our Gold Mine . . . . .		<i>Chapin.</i>
Self-Support in Bassein . . . . .		<i>Carpenter.</i>
Missionary Sketches . . . . .		<i>Smith.</i>
Siam. . . . .		<i>Cort.</i>
Siam and Laos . . . . .		<i>American Missionaries.</i>
Life in Hawaii . . . . .		<i>Caan.</i>
Missions in Tonga and Fiji . . . . .		<i>Lawry.</i>
Forty Years' Work in Polynesia . . . . .		<i>Murray.</i>
Congo Free States . . . . .		<i>Stanley.</i>
Through the dark Continent . . . . .		"
Zulu Land . . . . .		<i>Grant.</i>
Middle Kingdom, or Chinese Empire . . . . .		<i>Wells Williams.</i>
The Dragon, Image and Demon . . . . .		<i>Du Bose.</i>
The Chinese . . . . .		<i>Martin.</i>
China and the Chinese . . . . .		<i>Nevius.</i>
Our Life in China . . . . .		<i>Mrs. Nevius.</i>
Social Life of the Chinese. 2 vols. . . . .		<i>Doolittle.</i>
Mikado's Empire . . . . .		<i>Griffis.</i>
Japan. 2 vols. . . . .		<i>Alcock.</i>
Unbeaten Tracks in Japan . . . . .		<i>Bird.</i>
Budget of Letters from Japan . . . . .		<i>Arthur Maclay.</i>



## FORMS FOR WILL AND DEVISE.

Special attention is called to the following form of Bequest and Devise required by the incorporation of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.

## FORM OF BEQUEST.

I hereby give and bequeath to the "Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church," incorporated under the Laws of the State of New York.....Dollars, to be paid to the Treasurer of said Society, whose receipt shall be sufficient acquittance to my executors therefor.

## FORM OF DEVISE OF REAL ESTATE.

I hereby give and devise to the "Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church" [describe land, etc., intended to be given to the Society], and to their successors and assigns forever.

NOTE.—Prompt notice of all bequests and devises should be given to the Corresponding Secretary of the Branch within which the donor resides.

Mrs. H. B. Skidmore, 230 West 59th street, New York, is the Treasurer of the WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY, with power to sign release to executors, through whom the Society may receive bequests, and to perform such other acts as are required by the Act of Incorporation, and which cannot be legally executed by Branch Treasurers.

## COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE.

The Corresponding Secretaries of the several Branches, constitute a Committee of Reference, of which Mrs. H. B. Skidmore, No. 230 West Fifty-ninth street, New York, is Chairman, and Mrs. B. R. Cowen, 7 Crescent Place, Walnut Hills, Cincinnati, is Secretary.

All communications to be brought before the WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY in the interim of the General Executive Committee, must be addressed to the Chairman of the Committee. All estimates to be presented to the General Executive Committee meeting in October should be forwarded to her in advance, sanctioned by the proper authorities in the mission field.



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# SESSIONS

## OF THE

### GENERAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

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Since the organization of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, the General Executive Committee has had its sessions in the following places:—

1	in	1870,	in the	City of	Boston, Mass.
2	"	1871,	"	"	Chicago, Ill.
3	"	1872,	"	"	New York City.
4	"	1873,	"	"	Cincinnati, O.
5	"	1874,	"	"	Philadelphia, Pa.
6	"	1875,	"	"	Baltimore, Md.
7	"	1876,	"	"	Washington, D. C.
8	"	1877,	"	"	Minneapolis, Minn.
9	"	1878,	"	"	Boston, Mass.
10	"	1879,	"	"	Chicago, Ill.
11	"	1880,	"	"	Columbus, O.
12	"	1881,	"	"	Buffalo, N. Y.
13	"	1882,	"	"	Philadelphia, Pa.
14	"	1883,	"	"	Des Moines, Iowa.
15	"	1884,	"	"	Baltimore, Md.
16	"	1885,	"	"	Evanston, Ill.
17	"	1886,	"	"	Providence, R. I.
18	"	1887,	"	"	Lincoln, Neb.
19	"	1888,	"	"	Cincinnati, O.

## Meeting of the General Executive Committee.

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The Nineteenth Annual Session of the General Executive Committee of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society convened in Trinity Church, Cincinnati, O., on Friday, October 26, 1888, and continued in session seven days. The Committee was warmly received and royally entertained. Several things combined to make this meeting of unusual interest.

Bishops Walden, Joyce and Thoburn, were in attendance on several occasions, also a large number of returned missionaries, representing Mexico, China, and India. These missionaries supplemented the reports of the work, and gave much valuable information. There were also present a number of out-going missionaries, who have sailed for their different fields since the close of the meeting. There were also a number of candidates present who had offered themselves for the work. With these in attendance, it was not surprising that the devotional hour each day from two to three o'clock, was an occasion of great spiritual blessing.

On one afternoon the Lord's Supper was administered to the missionaries and members of the Committee, and was an occasion of great power, the memory of which will long linger in the minds of those present. Bishops Walden and Joyce had charge of the services.

The presence of a delegate, Mrs. M. M. Bovard, from California, with a memorial from the Methodist women of that section, asking that the Society form a Branch, to be called the Pacific Branch, with headquarters at Los Angeles, was a matter of great interest, and with much enthusiasm the proposition was received, so that the borders were enlarged, and we now number ten Branches.

The Committee adjourned Friday evening, after a week of earnest work. The results of that week's work, with the reports from all our foreign fields, and home reports, will be found in the pages of this Report, which we commend to your careful study and consideration.

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## GENERAL SUMMARY.

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AS the scattered workers come up from year to year to our Annual Gatherings, we seem to be reiterating much the same story, in presenting a report of the work, but as no one day can be the duplicate of another, so no one year's work can be the counterpart of another. While our organization and methods have varied but little, yet the results of this year's work show that in an unusual manner, "He has given power to the faint, and to them that had no might, He increased strength."

When that good woman, St. Theresa, wanted to build an orphanage, she had but three shillings with which to commence the work. That she should undertake such a responsibility with so small an amount caused her friends to make criticisms, but to their cavilings she answered, "With three shillings, truly Theresa can do nothing, but with God and three shillings, what may Theresa not do?" And so the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society learned long ago, that while there are organization, systematized effort, executive ability, generous gifts, with all these it can do very little, but with these and God, what may it not accomplish?

The year's record shows advance. Missionary interest has grown into missionary zeal in many quarters, while increased spirituality has been noted in the various meetings held in connection with this rapidly growing work. There has been a most marked development among the young people. Young ladies' and children's bands have brought new life and enthusiasm into many churches that never before were interested in missionary work.

In one Branch, which raised more than twenty-nine thousand dollars, one-fifth of the amount was the offerings of the young people.

In no one year of the Society's history have there been such marked answers to prayer, that God would touch the heart of the young womanhood of the church for missionary service, as this past year.

Many consecrated young ladies have entered schools and colleges in preparation for foreign work, while candidates in greater numbers than ever before have offered themselves for work; and never has the Society sent out to the field so many missionaries as during the year 1888. Surely this has been the crowning blessing that thirty missionaries have gone forth to glad and joyous service; of these, twenty-two were accepted and

appointed during the year, and eight having been home to regain health, returned with added strength and vigor to their various fields.

The Home Statistics are as follows: Auxiliary Societies 4,264 with 109,271 members; Young Ladies' Societies 408 with 6,689 members; Children's Bands 777 with 11,208 members, making total organizations 5,449, and total membership 127,178; Life Members 9,451; Honorary Managers 452; Life Patrons 71; Conference Secretaries 76, and District Secretaries 279. Over thirteen thousand mite barrels have been distributed to gather up the fragments. The Treasury, that great thermometer of Christian life and sympathy, has risen to a mark never before reached in the Society's history. The whole amount contributed, was \$206,308.69. The amounts by Branches are as follows:

New England Branch,	\$25,101.63
New York . . . . .	40,431.19
Philadelphia . . . . .	20,984.95
Baltimore . . . . .	9,515.54
Cincinnati . . . . .	29,457.94
North Western . . . . .	45,516.77
Des Moines . . . . .	13,002.22
Minneapolis . . . . .	11,535.14
Topeka . . . . .	10,763.31
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	\$206,308.69

The amount raised last year was \$191,158.13, thus making the increase of the present year to be \$15,150.56. This amount has been raised in the regular channels, with the exception of ten thousand dollars, which has come by bequests and special donations. Three thousand dollars was the gift of that most generous friend of christian missions, Mr. William E. Blackstone, of Oak Park, Ill., for the purpose of opening and developing woman's work in the city of Muttra, India.

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#### LITERATURE.

The Heathen Woman's Friend, the organ of the Society, has 19,907 subscribers, and this is the story we repeat year after year, that this most excellent paper is self-supporting, and from its surplus funds pays for nearly all the literature issued by the Society.

During the year the publishing interests of the Society have been consolidated and enlarged. A committee was appointed at the last Executive meeting, to whom was referred the publication of all matter connected with the Society, save the Heathen Woman's Friend, and the German paper, such as leaflets, General Annual Reports, Uniform Readings, Lesson leaves, and all other helps.

These have all been distributed from the office in Boston, No. 36 Bromfield Street. For nine years leaflets have been distributed gratuitously, and the Committee arranged that a nominal price should be charged for some, while others should be distributed free, as formerly.

There have been issued one million nine hundred and forty-six thousand two hundred and forty pages of Missionary Leaflets, consisting of thirty-six varieties, thirteen re-prints, and twenty-three new ones, three of which were in German. These ranged from one to sixteen pages. Of these, eight hundred and ninety thousand pages were distributed free.

A supplement to "Woman's Medical Work in Foreign Lands" has also been written. This supplement presents in outline the continuation of the work from 1879 to the present time, the whole forming a brief sketch of the first twenty years of this important part of the Society's work.

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### THE GERMAN WORK.

The German work is distributed over seven Conferences in the United States, also in the Swiss and German Conferences in Europe. There are 122 Auxiliary Societies, with 3,061 members, and 28 Life Members. In Germany 35 Auxiliaries with 487 members; in the Swiss Conference 15 Auxiliaries with 488 members. The contributions in the United States amount to \$3,414.10; in Germany \$134.97; in Switzerland \$137.38, making a total of \$3,686.45.

The Society issues a German paper, the *Heiden-Frauen-Freund*, which has 1,776 subscribers.

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### THE ZENANA PAPER.

In 1883 an effort was made to establish an Illustrated Christian paper for the women of India, and to secure an endowment of twenty five thousand dollars independent of all missionary contributions. This paper is now printed in four of the dialects of India, and we are grateful to record the fact that the entire amount has been raised.

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### MISSIONARIES.

During the year, Misses Allen, Atkinson, Bing, Danforth, Pardoe, have been sent to Japan. Misses Bonafield, Hale, Ketring, Mitchell, Johnson, Steere, and Peters, to China. Misses Bowen and Hyde to South America. Miss Le Huray was transferred from Mexico to South America. Miss Cushman returned to Peking, China. Misses Atkinson and Hampton, to Japan; Miss Mansell to India; Miss Loyd to Mexico, and Miss Fisher to China. Miss Sparkes, with Misses Sullivan, Day, McBurney, Perrine, Carroll, Blair, Maxey, Doctors Sheldon and Ernsberger left for India.

Miss Sears, for eight years in China, has returned for rest. Dr. Corey, of Foo-Chow, held on to the work, waiting for reinforcements, until she was completely prostrated, and is now at home slowly regaining her strength. Miss Knowles, at the head of the English school in Naini Tal, is also at home. Miss Dr. Swaine, though not at present supported by the Society, yet was so recently connected with it, that we state that after nineteen years of earnest and devoted work among heathen women, she arrived home a few months ago for much needed rest.

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### FOREIGN WORK.

The great regenerating work going on among the women of the Mission fields cannot be formulated into statistics. The Bible message, the Christian hymn, the daily visit, the word of exhortation, the medical work, with its loving ministrations, all appeal in a special way, and show our love and human sympathy; and all these agencies have their influence in winning the heathen to Christ. The society has work in Japan, Korea, China, India, Malaysia, Bulgaria, Italy, South America and Mexico. There are now ninety-two American missionaries in the field, ten of whom are medical, with 100 Zenana teachers and assistant missionaries, 308 Bible women, over 200 city and village schools, with orphanages, boarding schools, hospitals and dispensaries.

In *Japan*, the missionaries have been sowing the seed in every department of Christian work. At the Anniversary of the Woman's Conference, held recently, Bishop Fowler presiding, a Japanese woman acted as interpreter, and another conducted the opening devotional exercises. In *Nagasaki*, 175 pupils have been in attendance in the school. In connection with this school is an Industrial Department, which has had great success. There are 81 Christian girls, 15 having been converted and brought into the church during the year. In *Fukuoka*, a new building is nearly completed, with ample accommodations for boarders and day scholars, and a home for our missionaries. Eighty-five pupils have been enrolled here the past year.

In *Tokyo*, a class of ten Christian girls graduated, who will fill various positions as Christian teachers. Thirty-four have been baptized and received into the church during the year. A life of Susanna Wesley has been translated by Miss Spencer. Five day schools and four Sunday schools have been superintended by our missionaries. The good effect of Miss Holbrook's influence in the Peeresses' school, where she has taught English for the last year, is seen in the fact that many of the girls regularly attend church; five of the teachers are Christians. The training school in Yokohama has had 29 pupils, who have rendered efficient aid in evangelistic work.

In *Hakodati*, the Caroline Wright Memorial school has had 110 pupils, and the school at Hirosaki, 40. The reports from Japan are full of facts showing development in every branch of work, but they can only be hinted at in a short report. In *Korea*, the work has been somewhat interrupted. The usual stories were circulated that the missionaries wanted the girls in order to kill them. At one time the lives and property of our missionaries were in danger. The American minister issued a circular, informing the missionaries that the teaching of our religion is not authorized by the treaty, and advising them to refrain from it. The latest intelligence is, that while the order has not been rescinded, everything is quiet, and our workers are at their posts.

In *China*, the work has been reinforced by the return of some missionaries who were at home, and the addition of seven new ones. Dr. Carlton, on her way to open medical work in Nanking, was called to Foochow to take Dr. Corey's place, who, broken in health, was compelled to return home.

Dr. Terry, of Tsun Hua, was called, professionally, into Mongolia, a four days' trip from her home. In Chinkiang, the medical work has wonderfully increased since the new building was completed, and some ninety women daily come to the dispensary. At all the stations in China our missionaries are overworked and are "Holding the Fort."

In *Mexico*, the orphanage and school work have proved that Christianity effects the same transformation in the women and girls of Mexico that it does elsewhere. The chief feature of the work during the year has been the awakening in Puebla. Sinners have been converted, and a regular pentecost is reported. Miss Ogden writes, "I want to write to every one who has ever given a cent to the work in Mexico, so that they may join in the shout of thanksgiving that these Mexicans are being saved." Nearly every girl in the school has been converted. The property, where these souls have been converted, consisting of Theological School, Parsonage, Chapel, and Girls' School of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, was formerly a part of the Romish Inquisition, including the chapel and cells where victims were confined or walled up to die! How marvellously God works!

*South America.* In Rosario, the school numbers 200, and the missionary writes, "Our house is so full that we have to refuse utterly to take either more day scholars or boarders." There are two day schools also with about 200 pupils. In *Buenos Ayres* are two schools with 120 girls, and in Montevideo 14 schools. In *Italy* our earnest missionary with the help of several Bible Women, has been doing her work amid great discouragements. In Rome, right under the shadow of the Vatican, every effort is being made, by spreading a Christian literature, and evangelistic work to win the women and girls from Romanism to a purer and better faith.

In *Bulgaria* the school at Loftcha has had the best results of any year. A number of girls graduated are now engaged in teaching and Bible work. One girl, who four years ago walked more than a hundred miles over the mountains and begged to be instructed, went out from this school to do Christian work.

*India*, our first Mission field, has now grown to such proportions that it can only be mentioned. Some one has said, "We cannot expect the regeneration of India until there is a girl's school in every village and town." The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society has now its agents in some seventy centres in Northern India, while in Southern India, Burmah and stretching on to Singapore, its missionaries, schools of every kind, Bible Readers, and Medical Women, are permeating the towns and villages with Christian truth. An army of Christian workers has been raised up, and the women, although many of them are shut up in the zenanas, are not shut out from hearing the good news of Salvation, because Christian women can go to them with the blessed message that there is forgiveness of sin through the Lord Jesus Christ. Some of these women are comprehending the deep things of God. One, suffering from a painful disease, was asked, "how she could bear it," when she replied, "They who look upon God's face, do not feel his hand."

"How do you know you are saved?" said one to a Japanese, "I cannot tell it in this foolish Japanese tongue, nor could I if I had an English tongue, or an angel's tongue, but my poor heart feels it all."

The Orient feels the touch of Jesus, His voice is heard in the homes, and the women are being raised from their degradation. Another year of work opens before us.

"They who go forth to serve Thee,  
We too, who serve at home,  
May watch and pray together  
Until Thy Kingdom Come."

MRS. J. T. GRACEY.



## REPORT OF FOREIGN WORK.

### OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENTS.

South America, North China and Yokohama, Japan . . . .	MRS. ALDERMAN.
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Mexico; and Tokyo, Japan . . . . .	MRS. KEEN.
Foochow, China; and Madras, India . . . . .	MISS HART.
Oudh District, India; and Nagasaki, Japan . . . . .	MRS. COWEN.
Italy; Bulgaria; and Bombay, India . . . . .	MRS. HOAG.
Hakodati and Hirosaki, Japan . . . . .	MRS. HUSTON.
Bengal Conference, India; and Singapore . . . . .	MRS. NIND.
Kumaon District, India . . . . .	MISS WATSON.

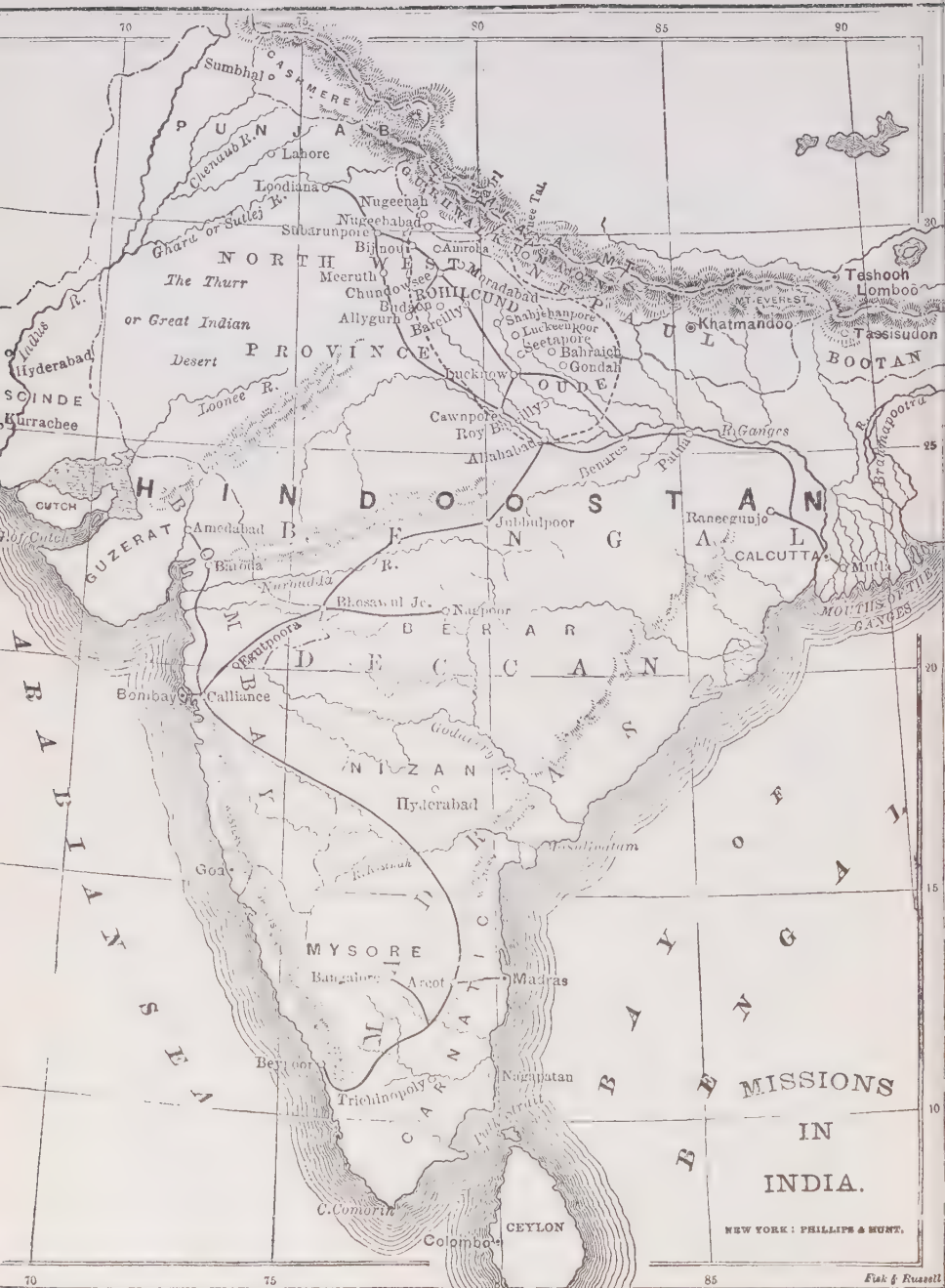
## INDIA.

Work commenced in 1869, by Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.

In India, apart from the missionaries of our own society, and the wives of missionaries in charge of work, there are a large number of assistant missionaries, Bible readers, teachers, and Zenana visitors.

In the North-India Conference, in addition to the 26 missionaries of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, the following ladies, belonging to the Parent Board, have had charge of work supported by this Society: Mrs. E. W. Parker, Mrs. T. J. Scott, Mrs. J. E. Scott, Mrs. L. R. Hoskins, Mrs. J. E. Lawson, Mrs. Dr. Waugh, Mrs. Nettie Rockey, Mrs. C. L. Bare, Mrs. H. Mansell, Mrs. Knowles, Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Badley and Mrs. Leonard.

The following as assistant zenana and boarding-school teachers: Miss Boyd, Miss H. Singh, Miss Webb, Miss Hannah, Miss Manners, Miss Carley, Miss Tresham, Mrs. Worthington, Mrs. Whitby, Miss Thornton, Miss Dougherty, Miss Peel, Mrs. Matthews, Miss D'Abreu, Miss Alice D'Abreu, Miss Thompson, Miss De Castro, Miss De Souza, Mrs. Grant, Miss Seymour, Miss M. Seymour, Mrs. Hunt, Mrs. Watson, Miss Paul, Mrs. Ward, Mrs. Chuckerbutty, Miss Ormond, Miss Newton, Miss Tyler, Miss Sparham, Miss J. Boyd, Miss F. Siddal, Miss Biswas, Miss Higgs, Miss Thompson, besides 5 medical assistants, 203 Bible women and 125 Christian school teachers.



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## ROHILKUND DISTRICT.

## MISSIONARIES.

MISS FANNIE M. ENGLISH,

MISS CLARA M. DOWNEY,

MISS ANNA LAWSON,

MISS KATE McDOWELL, M. D.

MISS MARY CHRISTIANCY, M. D.

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MRS. N. L. ROCKEY,

MRS. W. S. BARE,

MRS. L. R. HOSKINS,

MRS. P. T. WILSON.

The Rohilkund District covers a large territory, and includes the cities of Bareilly, Bijnour, Moradabad, Budaon, Shajehanpore and Muttra,—each with its surrounding village and district work. It is difficult to give more than a mere outline of the work which is so marvellously developing in all departments.

## MORADABAD.

## GIRLS' BOARDING SCHOOL.

The girls' boarding school in Moradabad is full. Some new teachers have been secured, so that the school work is doing better than ever before. A number of the older girls belong to the young people's "Oxford League," and this has given them a new interest in the study of the Bible, and a new desire for general information, while the prayer-meetings connected with the League have been blessed to their spiritual growth. A number of the girls were married during the summer vacation, all of whom are engaged in work as teachers or Bible readers. Two girls have joined the medical class in Agra, making four in all from this school. One of the most promising girls we have ever had, Myra Judkins, came home from Agra early in the year with health impaired, and died shortly afterward. Most of the girls are enrolled as King's Daughters, and are trying to do good "in His name."

## ZENANA WORK.

Miss Downey writes that zenana work in Moradabad has been kept up with difficulty the past year. The great storm, which added so much sickness and caused a change among the Bible-readers, hindered us very much. One of our brightest pupils died during the year. Her father was a water carrier and was very poor. She learned to read in one of the

schools, and when considered too large to go out of the house they called a zenana teacher and she continued her studies in her home. Just before her death she said that she was ready and glad to go home, and told her friends that she was going where she should suffer no more. I visited a Hindu house recently, from which the third son had been taken by death. He was a bright boy, and as I spoke to the mother, she said: "If it had only been one of the girls I would not have cared in the least. There are four of them, and they are of no account; but this was my only boy left, and two others have been taken in the same way." I then talked with one of the girls, and she said that when her little brother was ill, she had prayed and besought God to spare him and he didn't do it; and she looked at me closely to get an answer. I talked to her some time, and told her that if she were good she would see him again. She listened eagerly, and said that her grandmother had died before the boy was born, and asked, "Would she see him?" and wanted to know if he would not be born again in some other body. I have also been able to do some work in the villages this year. One day I told the old story to not less than 150 women of all castes, in one village. In another, after I had talked to a number of women, a Mohammedan woman followed me and said, "You have made my heart very happy. I could not be happier if some one should give me a thousand rupees." She was very poor, and a thousand rupees meant a large sum, and I felt repaid for my day's work in the heat and dust of an Indian village. The Mohulla work has been kept up regularly, and many are being fed daily with the bread of life.

#### MEDICAL WORK.

Dr. McDowell writes:—"The medical work in India is much more satisfactory than I anticipated, for the ignorance and superstition that everywhere prevail hinder one very materially. The number of prescriptions far exceed the number of new patients reported, showing that the people have faith in our medicines, and come to us whenever they need treatment. As the women come to the dispensary, and as I visit them in their homes, I cannot but feel that they consider us their friends. I am very thankful for the blessed privilege of ministering to them in their hours of need. Our Bible-reader has worked faithfully, and is encouraged in her work of telling the story of Jesus to the women and children as they sit waiting for their medicines."

The work in Amroha district, in charge of Mrs. Hakk, is all in a prosperous condition. The work is mostly among village women, many of whom are nominal Christians who require much teaching, as few of them can read. The work has spread until it has reached a few important cities, where school and zenana work are to be carried on. Several of the Moradabad school-girls are employed on the work in this district,

and an urgent call has come for more. Mrs. Hakk visits all the work twice a week, holding meetings with the women wherever she goes, examining the schools and encouraging the lonely workers in their difficult and often discouraging work.

The work in Chandausi is carried on by the pastor's wife, assisted by Bible women and teachers. The girls' schools are doing well, and interesting Sunday-schools are held in connection with them. We distributed dolls, pictures and books a few weeks since, to the great delight of the girls and their friends. These little gifts from the home land help us much in our work among the children.

### BIJNOUR.

MRS. ROCKEY IN CHARGE.

The progress of the Boarding School has been marked this past year. Two of the girls have married, and there has been one death. In the city work, two new schools have been opened. In zenana work the women have received the Bible women gladly, and are delighted to learn some fancy work and knitting in connection with their Bible lessons. Four new stations have been opened in villages adjoining Bijnour.

In *Najibabad* there are three girls' schools, where fifty girls are being taught, and forty houses where instruction is given regularly.

In *Mandaur* and vicinity several have been baptized, of whom eleven are women, and seven girls. A number of women seem to be sincere inquirers after the truth.

### BAREILLY.

Miss English writes of the Girls' Orphanage in Bareilly: "The past year in the orphanage has been one of blessing. We had unusual health the first six months of the year, but when the intense hot weather came on, two of the children died, and later, in the rainy season, two of the older girls died. The girls passed good examinations in their studies at the close of the school year. About twenty girls have been married and gone out from us. There are 181 girls now in the orphanage. In spiritual life, I think our girls have made steady progress. The youngest member of the school is about a month old. Its mother died, and we do not know anything about its father, and it was given to us. Two of the teachers have also died during the year. The Lord is giving strength and grace for the work committed to our hands, and we leave the results to Him.

### MEDICAL WORK.

Dr. Christiancy writes: "The hospital and dispensary have maintained their former record. A class has been formed in mid-wifery for



instruction of women not sufficiently educated to study medicine. The class consists of three girls who began studying at Agra, but whose health was so poor they had to give it up."

Mrs. Scott gives the following, with regard to the important work among the wives of the students in the theological school: "The school opened this year with 38 women. Five of these were found suitable for teachers and Bible-readers, so took work with the understanding that they study at home after working hours, meeting twice a week with Mrs. Mukerjee, who aids them in their studies. These are all taking the third year's course for Bible readings. In the school there are six in the first year's studies and four in the second, and others in the preparatory classes, who are studying Urdu and Hindi, as both languages will be required among the Mohammedans and Hindus. They are studying arithmetic and geography, and have daily lessons from the church catechism and the Bible. All are required to attend Sunday-school, and those who are capable teach. A religious meeting is held weekly for these women. They are our future preachers' and teachers' wives, and many of them are studying under difficulties. Nearly all of them have children that cannot be left at home, and some have to bring two,—so that children from a month old on are found in the school. Miss Lawson has charge of the city schools and zenana work in Bareilly, and both departments are well cared for under her supervision. Good reports come to us of the work in Philibhit and the out-stations of this district.

#### SEETAPORE.

The *Girls' Boarding School* in Seetapore has suffered very much during the year for want of proper buildings. Government has given a building grant-in-aid of 1,500 Rupees, which I believe will be lost unless we commence building within the year, which will end March 31st, 1889. So that it is most important that the estimate of \$5,000 for this building be granted, to enable us to secure this Government aid, and thus provide this school, with the buildings needed, in order that it may do the most efficient work possible.

#### SHAHJEHANPORE.

Shahjehanpore is almost equally needy with Seetapore, the school being held in most inconvenient quarters, and without sufficient accommodation for all who ought to be in the school. These schools are doing most important work, with comparatively small expenditure. The parents of the girls are required to do all that their circumstances will allow for the support of their girls; still numbers of them must be largely supported in school or left to grow up uneducated. There is no more successful way to raise up the helpers we so much need than to give an education to the daughters of the native Christians in these Boarding Schools.



Mrs. Hoskins writes, with regard to the Shahjehanpore Girls' Boarding School: "It is increasing in popularity and we are getting a good class of girls, all of them paying according to the scale. There are thirty-eight girls this term. Mrs. Johnson, the assistant I have, lives among them; is gentle but firm in her discipline, and seems to have a very good influence over them. Several of the girls have been converted since they came to the school.

The Government examination was satisfactory, and the Inspector recommended a Grant-in-aid, which we are now receiving."

An experienced assistant has been secured for the city schools and zenana work. The out-station work is increasing in importance.

#### EAST SHAHJEHANPORE.

Mrs. Bare writes of the work in East Shahjehanpore: "This work is carried on from three centres: Lodipore, Panahpore and Mohamdi. In Lodipore we have the Widow's Home, and a Day and Sunday School for Mohammedan girls. Mrs. Luke, who acts as matron of the Home, visits regularly in four neighboring villages, and instructs the women in gospel truth. The village girls' school keeps up a friendly relation between Mohammedans and Christians who live along side each other. It also affords an excellent opportunity for teaching the girls the blessed truths of Christianity.

There have been twelve widows connected with the Home this year. Three were admitted during the year, and one of these has gone out into service in a good native Christian family—so at present eleven are connected with the Home. Of these, seven wholly support themselves, some by acting as nurses in the Hospital, some by sewing, and some by grinding. Of the other four, one is feeble and almost blind; another, who was earning her living, has recently come upon the Home for support, on account of sickness; another very frail woman, just admitted, has a young babe. The other is an interesting case. She came with her two little boys from a distant village in the Budaon District, and said she wished to become a Christian, and make over her children to the mission to be educated. She reported that her husband had died and that she had no relatives to go to for support. It was only another instance of the word having gone abroad that the mission was kind to widows and orphans. We took the two boys into the orphanage and gave the widowed mother work, so that she now earns her own living. We hope to secure aid for the needy ones here in India, and we only ask from the Society 300 Rupees to put good, substantial roofs on the houses occupied by the women.

In *Panahpore* the girls' school is taught by the wife of the headmaster of the boys' school. The girls are all Christians, and are required to study up to a certain grade before they are permitted to enter Boarding schools elsewhere. The Bible women, under the supervision of Mrs. Horace

Adams, not only visits the houses of the christians in Panahpore, but goes into the neighboring villages for Bible-work. Bro. Horace Adams and his wife are planning to open work in another large village, and place a Bible reader and zenana visitor there. There is no more hopeful field anywhere for doing good with W. F. M. S. money than in Mrs. Adams' work.

Mrs. Hancock at present has one girls' school, attended by some 20 well-to-do Hindu girls. The teacher of the school, before her marriage, was educated in our girls' school in Pawayan, she consequently can render great assistance to Mrs. Hancock in all her work in Mohamdi. The women in the zenanas gladly listen to the word. All this work bids fair to do well. It prepares the minds of the people to hear us, as well as affords excellent opportunity for Sunday School work. The schools aid very much in gaining access to the homes of the people."

The School in *Gonda*, has opened encouragingly, and the estimate for dormitories, and for finishing other buildings required for the Home and School, is urgently required. A school house there will also be a necessity in time.

#### BUDAON.

Mrs. Wilson gives the following report of the work in Budaon :

The Sigler Boarding School has over 50 on the roll. As we had eight girls married during the May and June holidays this is a large increase, and not too large for our needs, if we are to supply the hungry and thirsty souls with the bread of life. Many give evidence of real spiritual life. The examining committee's report was as follows :

The girls made a very good examination in the subjects they have studied. Their appearance was evidence of their happy and contented life, and both teachers and scholars deserve commendations for their hearty interest in their work.

The cry everywhere amongst our village Christians is, "Send us teachers." Here is what one of our newly-married girls is doing (at a future period I may tell you about the invaluable work the others are doing.)

Shitabo went with her husband, Lachhman Singh, to Bilat, one of the villages where many lately have come out on the Lord's side. It is about twelve miles from this, and some of the country rather jungle, for the last time we went we saw the gray wolves slipping about in broad daylight.

Shitabo and her husband have a little house in the midst of the Christian community. The place was beautifully clean, and the adornments were a few of the pretty corners of the "zenana paper," and two or three little Scripture cards. The women had not been Christians long and did not know much. So here was our Shitabo who could sit amongst

them, and read the Scriptures, and teach them to sing hymns, and pray with them. She has a school for the girls; poor girls, who do house and field work, and learn in school, too. And when asked to the houses of the village purdah women, she went there, too.

In the zenanas there are plenty of open doors; women willing to read and willing to listen, but not to confess Christ openly. It is perhaps the hardest part of the work in seen results, but when the homes [the zenanas] are Christian, then India's sons and men will be, so we must not flag, but work all the harder at the citadel of darkness. Last Saturday there was a women's mela, and many purdah women were there. They left their own heathen plays and came to hear the Gospel and Bible hymns, and said "sach, sach"—true, true.

*City Schools.* There are the same number of Hindu and Mohammedan Schools, and it is hard, up-hill work, to get the proficiency we would like, but in these are our Sunday schools. There are over 500 heathen Sunday scholars on the roll, eager listeners to the truth; so we labor on, knowing we shall reap if we faint not.

*The Medical Work* has forced itself upon us. Our native Christians, too, often come from the villages, sick, or from some other station, for my husband or myself to treat them; so I am glad to say the little hospital room will soon be ready, where they will have a comfortable corner.

*Itinerating* in the villages would be a great work without anything else. I always accompany my husband, for if the wives and daughters are not purdah it is not their custom to come out to hear a man preach, so my going reaches the women. Our poor Christians need comfort and sympathy, living away by themselves. They are very poor but very industrious. Their houses are very clean. The little children do not wear any clothing, and they all spend very little on garments, but they have food, and are good at earning their living. They listen eagerly to the truth, and the Lord has been doing a great work amongst them. Since the beginning of March, over 200 have been baptized—men, women and children. Three-fourths of these are villagers. We shall be glad when the rains clear away, so we can go out in camp, and then more fully respond to the many calls we have from these seekers after truth. Just now we can go only when the rains allow us. Yesterday we went out nine miles; to-morrow we hope to go sixteen miles. And so we work on, poor and helpless as we are, but strong, upheld by the Lord of Hosts, who is a prayer-hearing Lord, answering the prayers of those dear Christian friends who work and pray so zealously for us in the far home land. We shall all rejoice together when the sheaves are gathered home.

The work in Bilsa, Bissouli, Kakraula, and Kasganj is of the same kind as that described by Mrs. Wilson, being mostly among village people, and very hopeful, as is seen by her report.

## MUTTRA.

MISSIONARY,      MRS. J. E. SCOTT.

During the past year the Society has taken up work in this important city.

This has been made possible by the gift of three thousand dollars from Mr. Blackstone. Muttra is the birth-place of Krishn, and Krishn is the hero of the last and most successful phase of Hinduism. This place, so full of bigotry and fanaticism, is one of the great bulwarks of idolatry. The population is about a hundred thousand, and to this place come pilgrims from every part of India. Over eight thousand widows are employed in temple service. It is a wonderful field for missionary work.

Mrs. J. E. Scott has done work among the women, and opened some schools. She says, in a letter: "Poor Muttra! I never go through its streets, thronged with pilgrims, or pass along the *ghats* (bathing places) of the Jumna, lined with bathers and half naked priests, or see the ceaseless stream of people going in and out of its innumerable temples, or view the loathsomeness of the swarming, leprous beggars, but, like Paul, my spirit is stirred within me, to see the city wholly given to idolatry." The work includes four stations. Brindaban, only some seven miles distant from Muttra, is equally important. Here for many days several of our missionaries visiting there at the time of the great mela, or fair, went about amongst the great crowds of women, singing Christian hymns, and telling the story of the cross. Another town was visited by Mrs. Scott, where she found access to about forty homes, and organized a school of twenty. She also tells of opening a school of eighteen girls next to a Hindu temple, presided over by a priestess. This woman, with all the heathen marks on her face, often comes in when they are singing, and often joins when she catches a line. There certainly never was a finer opportunity for woman's work than in the city of Muttra and vicinity. The Society proposes to establish a Deaconess' Home here.

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Assistants .....	10
Bible Women and Christian Teachers .....	201
Day Schools.....	133
Boarding Schools.....	5
Boarding Pupils.....	326
Orphans in Bareilly .....	181
Zenanas visited.....	2,181

Women under instruction . . . . .	2,527
Patients in Zenanas . . . . .	156
Patients in Hospitals . . . . .	44
Patients in Dispensaries . . . . .	16,347
Prescriptions given . . . . .	25,222

Amroha District is in Rohilkund, and is included in this summary.

## ODDH DISTRICT.

### MISSIONARIES.

MISS L. E. BLACKMAR,	MISS E. L. HARVEY,
" ESTHER DE VINE,	" PHEBE ROWE,
" THERESA KYLE,	" ANNIE GALLIMORE,
" DELIA FULLER,	" MARY REED,

### MARRIED LADIES IN CHARGE OF WORK.

MRS. T. S. JOHNSON,	MRS. J. E. LAWSON,
" H. MANSELL,	" S. KNOWLES,
" B. H. BADLEY,	" A. T. LEONARD.

This district, with its more than eleven millions of inhabitants, seems a fruitful field for missionary labors; at any rate it is a very needy one. This is published as the most populous territory known on the globe, containing an average of 468 persons to every square mile.

In Lucknow, the W. F. M. S. commenced work nineteen years ago. That day of small things has grown into a girls' Boarding School, a home for homeless women, the publication of a zenana paper in two languages, eight day schools, three hundred zenanas regularly visited, thirteen most prosperous Sunday Schools, and an embryo college. Miss De Vine has passed her sixth hot season on the plains in good health, and is thankful for a prosperous year in the Boarding School. She says, "the school work goes on well; one hundred and eight in attendance. The girls are studious and obedient. We have an excellent matron and a very nice corps of teachers. Two of the College classes passed the examination; one entrance girl also passed in the second division. During the last three years not one of our entrance girls has failed to pass. The girls worked hard and had a good foundation to build on." Miss Kyle has superintended the zenana work and cared for the college class. She has four assistants and nine Bible women under her care, and 850 women receive regular instructions from them, besides those who hear the gospel message in mohullas and Sunday Schools, and with



others who are regularly visited in zenanas. Seven melas were visited, and many heard the Gospel of Christ in this way for the first time. The city schools under Mrs. Johnson, with Miss D'Abreu for school inspectress and Miss Paul for mission inspectress, have passed a prosperous year. They are all Mohammedan Schools. Two hundred copies of the *Woman's Friend* are distributed each month in the schools, and are eagerly welcomed; the Begums particularly reading the paper with much interest. Miss Blackmar has charge of the Home for Homeless Women, and is also treasurer for the Society. Of the Home Miss Blackmar writes, "In the years of its history we have sent out forty women, trained to work, who have made good wives, teachers, zenana workers, matrons, Ayahs and nurses. Three of our best women are in the Lucknow Medical Training School; another will soon follow. It seems to me it will be a good plan to send these best women to Muttra, to be trained."

The Cawnpore zenana work has suffered much from a bitter opposition engendered by the protection of a sister mission given to a mother and daughter fleeing for shelter after being abused in their home. The case was taken to court, and as the woman was a high caste Mohammedan it was considered a great disgrace. Notices were posted all over the city threatening excommunication to all who would allow their wives or daughters taught. Many doors were closed, but quite a number had learned to read, and Miss Reed left with them the Gospels, tracts, and copies of the *Woman's Friend*. So some light remains in those closed houses. Turned away by the high caste, Miss Reed and her helpers have worked among the lowly, and, as in Palestine eighteen hundred years ago, "the common people hear the word gladly." At the bathing ghat, access is gained to hundreds who come again and again to hear of Him "who taketh away the sins of the world," while in Mohullas we have little congregations, varying from forty to fifty. Miss Harvey has continued in charge of the Girls' High School, and the good record of twelve years has been well maintained; the average number of boarders is 60. The development of character among the girls is very manifest, "growing not only in womanliness but Christliness." The city schools, under care of Mrs. Mansell, are six in number. Through varied experiences and discouragements Mrs. Mansell says "she can see progress and growth in many ways." The medical work was given up when Dr. Hyde married, but much of it came to Mrs. Mansell, and she could not turn it away. She has attended the native christians, and cared for many who came to her for treatment, also visiting some high caste zenanas. Eighteen months ago, Mrs. Mansell opened medical work at Bithon, a sacred city on the Ganges, 14 miles above Cawnpore. The work is cared for by a native Christian, who holds a medical certificate. In one year she treated successfully nearly 1,000 native Mohammedan and Hindu women. Mrs.



Mansell inspects her work and approves it; she attends all without charge, her medicines being supplied by subscriptions. Mrs. Mansell and Miss Reed both earnestly recommend the sending out of a medical missionary to Cawnpore. At Seetapore the work has been divided, Miss Fuller taking charge of the zenana work and day schools, and Mrs. Lawson superintending the boarding schools and the work among Christian women. There are fifty girls in the boarding school, and the progress of the girls in study and in character has gladdened the heart of their superintendent. Ten Bible women have been employed, with one young lady assistant. There are seven day schools doing fairly well. The Lakhimpore district has been set off, under a native brother and his wife. Nannie Jane Singh has charge of the work in that district. Mrs. Lawson makes a strong appeal, which is sanctioned by the Finance Committee, for a new building for the school. Sunday school work has always prospered in Seetapore circuit. There are twenty-three flourishing schools. One could be opened in every village, could teachers be found.

The mission work in Gouda, so long under Mrs. Knowles' care, received a large reinforcement in the appointment of Miss Rowe and Miss Gallimore at the last conference for the Boarding school and evangelistic work. A beautiful site was given the mission by Maraja Partab Narain Singh, on which a school and home was erected during the year, and in June the ladies took possession of the comfortable quarters, and a promising number of boarders began their studies. Miss Rowe has visited the different stations on this circuit at Ellenpore. Colonelgunge, Nawabgunge, Balrampore, Ayudhya, and Baraich, visiting the mela as the latter place. Miss Rowe tells of the groups of women who earnestly listened to the words and singing, and of some old faces radiant with the first hope of a blessed rest hereafter. Some schools have been established. Mrs. Knowles has seven Bible women who visit regularly 327 families; and besides the schools opened recently there are five old ones, all doing well. In Roy Bareilly, under Mrs. Leonard's superintendence, there are eight Bible readers, working at three points, Roy Bareilly, Maharajgunge and Dalmen. Two Day schools and eight Sunday schools are reported.

At Barabanki, three Day schools, three Sunday schools and eight Bible women are under the charge of Mrs. Paul, the native pastor's wife. *Unao* work consists of Day and Sunday schools and zenana work, and is reported as very satisfactory. In Hurdui the gospel is read in 244 houses. There are four stations; in each place there is progress. Mrs. Joel, the minister's wife, who was a most earnest and efficient worker, passed from labor to reward. She went gladly to be with Christ, which is far better. There are sixty-seven Sunday Schools in the Oudh district, and many are reached in this way that do not come to the schools. Much seed has been sown, and earnest prayers are ascending that it may bear fruit a hundred fold to the glory of God.

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Missionaries of W. F. M. S.....	8
“ “ Parent Board.....	6
Teachers in English Schools.....	11
Assistants.....	8
Bible Women.....	69
Day Schools.....	43
“ Pupils.....	800
Boarding Schools.....	4
“ “ Pupils.....	317
Zenanas Visited.....	1,700
Women under Instruction.....	3,500
Home for Homeless Women.....	1
Inmates “ “.....	30
Medical Missionary.....	1
Medical Bible Women.....	1
Patients in Zenanas.....	226
“ “ Dispensary.....	1,350
Prescriptions.....	2,724
Sunday Schools.....	67

## KUMAON DISTRICT.

## MISSIONARIES.

MISS ANNIE M. BUDDEN,

MISS E. L. KNOWLES, (Home on leave.)

## MARRIED LADIES IN CHARGE OF WORK.

MRS. J. W. WAUGH,

MRS. T. CRAVEN,

MRS. N. L. ROCKEY,

MRS. S. DEASE.

The Kumaon District largely embraces what is known as “The Hill Work.” Its area is large, its features rugged, but interesting, and its work promising. Its principal stations are Dwarahat, Naini Tal, Pithoragarh and Pauri.

*Dwarahat* has had a prosperous year, yet has experienced some difficulties.

Early in the year the necessities of the work called Dr. and Mrs. Waugh to Naini Tal, and Dwarahat was supplied part of the time by Mr. and Mrs. Rockey, and part of the time by the native preacher, Miss Boyd being in charge of the Boarding school, with a good Pandit. and a pupil teacher to assist.

Of the village work Mrs. Rockey reports: It is difficult for one who has not lived in the Hills awhile, to understand the Hill work. The Bible women go to the village one, two and even three miles away, and perhaps all the village women will be so busy in their fields that they will not stop to hear instructions or singing. Possibly a few may stop to rest just a moment, and will listen to a short Bible story. The Bible-women must trudge on to another village or return home. Or if they do visit another place the women will be too busy to even exchange greetings. At other seasons they find willing, attentive listeners. In the cold season, the Bible-women go out along the roadsides and talk to the women as they stop to rest on their way home from the jungle, with their bundles of sticks or dry grass.

There are twenty-two villages visited. Miss Boyd reports: "The Boarding school has had a very prosperous year, and is more appreciated by the intelligent people of the villages. We have noticed a gradual though decided change for the better, in the conduct of most of the girls." There are 23 pupils in the school.

*Naini Tal.* "This work," Mrs. Craven reports, "has been kept up during the season, and consists of two schools and zenana work, Harriet Singh having it all in charge, assisted by the teachers.

The school usually held in the upper bazar was brought down to the dispensary building, where Harriet Singh has her home. Forty little girls and boys compose the school. Lois Patras taught the younger pupils, and Harriet Singh the older ones. The school in the lower bazar was small, and not as interesting as the others. Victoria, who is living here taught the school, to which about eighteen girls belonged. Harriet Singh visited about forty houses to teach the women in the zenanas. Her visits were very much looked for, and highly appreciated, and her name is a familiar one in their households. After the laborious work of the season she resigned her situation, as she did not feel able to continue in the work.

Of the Boarding school, Miss Knowles writes: "Another year of work in Naini Tal has furnished additional proof that the demand justified the establishment of our English School for girls. There has never been a year when teachers have done such good and faithful work here, nor when scholars have been more appreciative. I think every year finds them inclined to higher aims in life, finds them more true, more womanly. Our maximum number has been sixty, nearly fifty of whom have been boarders.

The prospects are certainly very encouraging. The work begun is full of interest, and knowing the sympathy of loving friends at home, and more than all the sympathy of God himself, whose work it is, we shall enter cheerfully upon another year, trusting that He will send more laborers into His vineyard."

The work in the *Bhabar* only begins when it closes in Naini Tal. In the early part of the year Harriet Singh did good work, not only in Huldwani, but in Isainagar, and the smaller villages within her reach, visiting the people, and teaching them the true way of life. In Huldwani she had a school for little girls. Some of these girls are the pupils from the Naini Tal school, who have moved down to the warmer regions at the foot of the mountains, with their parents. Others have only this short session of the winter months for their year's schooling, and some come only one season before they are married, and are taken away from all Christian influence. Now, Mrs. Chowfin has a flourishing school of about thirty girls, and is working hard to put in the good seed while she has the opportunity.

The work in Isainagar is in a transition state, and as we have no reliable Bible-woman living there, very little is done. Lois Patras has commenced her cold weather work there, and we hope for good results.

In *Katgodam* Fanny Peters has had the work in charge for part of the year, but as her family moved away during the year, the work was left without supervision.

*Ramanagar*, *Dopha* and *Chapra* have had no Bible-readers this year. All the work in the *Bhabar* is undergoing a thorough reorganization.

Of the work in *Pithoragarh*, Miss Budden writes: "Since our reunion, after the cholera scourge, there has been a marked improvement in some respects, and the chastening has not been in vain. We are all deeply thankful to our Heavenly Father for His loving care and mercy, proved to us in our time of trial. Miss Tresham has charge of the school, while Kelain has the home and farm.

The two girls sent to Agra returned to us, and they are both most useful. One of these girls has succeeded this year in winning her mother and sister to confess their faith in the Saviour, and the other is still striving earnestly to gain her father, mother and sister. They are two of the first five girls who came, eight years ago, and their prayers for their people have been very persistent. Ellen Hayes, who had charge of the school during my absence, is now entirely devoted to the medical care of our 80 women and children, as well as the sick in many villages near by. Our native Christian doctor comes up to our little dispensary once a day, and prescribes for all the patients, and then Ellen makes up the prescriptions, and cares for all who are ill, until his visit next morning.

The names on our Sunday school roll have gone up to 130 women and girls, besides some boys, and our average attendance is 96 "

Mrs. Dease writes of the village school: "At the beginning of this year the village day school in my charge had a very small attendance, and I required the service of but one teacher, the wife of our native pastor.

During the epidemic of cholera, and for some time after, the school was closed, but when opened again, the attendance increased rapidly, and now there are 28 names on the roll-book, about 12 of whom are girls, varying in age from six to fourteen.

In the Leper Asylum three women are learning to read, and several others commenced to learn, but the disease so affects the eyes that they were compelled to discontinue. The asylum is indeed a blessed refuge for them, and they all look comfortable and happy, notwithstanding their sad condition."

*Pauri.* Of the Orphanage, Mrs. Whitby writes: "We closed our report last year with 34 names on our roll, and this year we close with 43 girls and one little baby boy, who is too young to be sent to the boy's orphanage. We have had a grand good year, and the Lord has been with us to help us and bless the work. Many souls have been saved. There were 116 baptisms this year, most of them Hindus. The girls in the Orphanage have made good progress and are all doing well. We have had three camp-meetings during the year, and the girls have all been greatly blessed. Our native Christians are nearly all bright, happy people, and they are trying in their quiet way to bring others to Jesus. We have seven village schools, with 83 pupils. Our three Sunday schools are very encouraging. The children seem quick and bright, and it is a pleasure to hear so many heathen children sing our Christian hymns, and our prayers go up to our Father that He may bless them, and help them to feel and know what they sing, to the saving of their souls.

The *Srinagar* work has been closed, with the exception of the girls' school, owing to the ill-health of the workers, and to the cholera, but thank God our little band of Christians were protected all through, and only one of them suffered from it. The school had to be closed two months during the cholera time. The villages around *Pauri* have not been visited this year, because of the ill-health of the workers, but we hope to give more time, and strength, and prayer, to this work next year if God please, and hope to see many more come out on the Lord's side.

We expect to open up the women's work in *Dekhwal* next year. It has been closed for the last two years, for want of a good worker to carry it on, and as there are several villages around and near this little Mission Station, we expect to have some good work there by and by.

The W. F. M. Auxiliary has held its meetings regularly, contributing ten Rupees, five of which were given to Mrs. Badley for the *Woman's Friend*, and three to Mr. Badley to help him complete a scholarship in the Centennial School in honor of our Queen-Empress.

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Missionaries, Parent Board.....	4
Teachers in English Schools.....	6
Assistants.....	5
Bible Women.....	14
Day Schools.....	10
Pupils in Day Schools.....	176
Boarding Schools.....	4
Pupils in Boarding Schools.....	193
Orphanage.....	1
Inmates.....	43
Home for Homeless Women.....	1
Inmates.....	31
Zenanas visited.....	140
Women under Instruction.....	627
Patients in Dispensary.....	219
Prescriptions given.....	291

## SOUTH INDIA CONFERENCE.

## MADRAS.

Work commenced in 1886.

## MISSIONARY.

MISS MARY HUGHES.

## ASSISTANT MISSIONARY.

MISS GRACE STEPHENS.

## MARRIED LADY IN CHARGE.

MRS. W. A. RUDISILL.

The earnest zeal of Dr. and Mrs. Rudisill would not long allow them to be in Madras without the inauguration of woman's work. In April, 1886, there was found in an Eurasian, Miss Grace Stephens, one who seems very near the ideal of a zenana visitor and Christian worker. It seemed also necessary to form a day-school. Last October, Miss Mary Hughes was sent to take charge of the work. Probably extracts from her letters can best show its Providential growth; how by the necessities of the case the nucleus of an orphanage is already formed; how access to zenanas, even to some of high caste, has been readily found; how impressible and teachable are some of the women; how some secretly are believers



in the Lord Jesus; while a few have even found courage to confess Him at great cost; how it has become necessary to form a high caste school in which are now 40 pupils; and how enlarged quarters are urgently needed by the opportunities and pressure of enlarged work.

Miss Hughes writes in April, "I can never begin to relate the experiences of joy and sorrow that have come to me in visiting the zenanas. I have been in 45 homes once, in many of them twice, and if I could tell you of the receptions it would be very curious, of the garlands of flowers placed around our necks, the presents of limes, oranges, plantains, native cookery, hot boiled milk from dirty glasses, coffee well stirred with the fingers of the givers, and many other things; but they were well pleased to see me taste their dainties. During the last month with Miss Grace we have undertaken to sing some hymns together in Tamil, and it not only helps me with the language, but it drives away all their fear of me, and they gather around me to ask all sorts of questions, the first always being 'Are you married?'

How interested I have been in watching the tact with which our dear Grace has won the hearts of these women, and gotten into their confidence. She is certainly one who works for the love of souls and of her Lord. Mrs. Emily Jones, who is second assistant, is sister to Miss Grace, is much beloved by all the women, and is a valuable worker. I found one school already started, supported by the W. F. M. S., with 26 little girls. In one district there were so many caste girls whom we cannot often reach, clamoring for instruction, that we decided to open a day-school for them in their very midst. So the Lord, in a very plain way, opened up for us a large room in one of our zenanas, which we secured for a small rent, and have there a day-school of about 25 caste girls, under a native teacher. That makes two city schools under my care. "Then she tells how one little waif after another had drifted into her hands, until now eight little ones are entirely under her care and protection. But, she says, "What am I to do with them? The school is growing on my hands, and bids fair to be a good orphanage or boarding-school. I try to move slowly and cautiously, but it seems impossible. We must go forward."

In July, Miss Hughes writes: "There is so much to tell about the work here that it seems vain to attempt to write it all out. The orphanage contains eight girls. We overheard Juliet Wil on praying before going to bed, and she said, "Lord, Thou hast taken away my father and mother, I have no brother or sister, I have no friends, but am all alone in the world; now bless and provide for me." This dear child did not know what prayer was when she came to us a few months ago, but we believe the Lord has been leading her, and that she will become a real Christian. Pray for these dear girls. I am looking for those who will take the support of others. The two day-schools are growing so fast that I can

hardly manage them. In the caste school there are 40 in daily attendance, and we must put another teacher there. This school is of immense interest."

Grace Stephens writes many touching incidents in connection with her work, of women accepting Christ and finding courage to confess him. She says: "Tell those who sustain me in this work I will be faithful to the charge committed to me, and that in the name of the Lord and in their names I will go forth day after day into these heathen homes, dropping the seed of life." "We have the promise of an immense work here, if we can have the right kind of workers and keep all in systematic shape. The friends at home must stand by us and do all that is possible for the work here. There are thousands of homes into which no missionary has gained an entrance. May God help us to gather many souls in this wicked city of Madras." The *Indian Witness* says:

"Miss Mary A. Hughes is in charge of the zenana work, the Orphanage and the Girls' schools. She is brimful of indomitable energy, and it is easy to see that she has a deep call from God for missionary work. Every department of her work receives close attention; nothing seems to escape her notice.

She has provided neat and comfortable quarters in her own compound for female orphans, and has now under her care six bright little Hindu girls. The discipline in her home is mild but firm. I strongly think that her executive gifts and piety will, under God, enable her to build up an institution for orphans which will be a blessing to Madras and a credit to Methodism.

To attend family worship in her home and hear the dear little girls singing their Tamil hymns; to see their bright, clean faces, their silken, raven hair, their dress, cheap, plain, purely native, but very neat; and then to remember that a few months ago these tidy, modestly-attired girls were nearly nude, and altogether dirty, unkept street players; that Miss Hughes, with her own hands, introduced them into the mysteries of the world of soap, clothed them and taught them that thus Jesus would cleanse their hearts and clothe them with righteousness, who that reads these lines will fail to pray that God may long spare Miss Hughes to work in India, and who will deny the blessedness of the fruits of the 'good tidings' told to the people of Madras."

## BOMBAY.

Work begun in 1884.

## MISSIONARIES.

MISS SARAH DELINE,

MISS MINNIE F. ABRAMS.

## ASSISTANTS.

MISS WRIGHT,

" SANAHAN,

" BAIRD,

MISS THOMAS,

" MCGUIRE,

" TAYLOR.

At the last session of the South India Conference, Miss DeLine was appointed Supt. of zenana, and Miss Abrams of school work, in Bombay.

Miss DeLine's health has been very poor during the year; Miss Abrams found it impracticable, with the conditions surrounding her school girls, to take a vacation of any length, and she is sadly over-worked. The change of temperature in Bombay is very slight throughout the year, rendering it needful for the missionaries to take vacations. The dampness makes it very disagreeable, and the odors are indescribable; so it becomes impossible to work until the monsoons come, about the middle of June. The work of the year has gone forward with a great degree of success. There are ten ladies in the Home, and only two of the former assistants remain. Miss Wright has closed her third and most efficient year's service. Miss Thomas has been employed there two years. Miss McGuire is very young, and selected the work from unselfish motives, as her parents are well to do. She has a deep religious experience, and is a most uncompromising little creature. Miss Thomas is the youngest of the number, and has good home training, and has never faltered in her purpose to become a missionary. Miss Baird, in her report of work, exhibits individual traits and adaptation. These six ladies, with Miss DeLine, had visited 120 houses per week. These are not ordinary house to house visits.

The families live sometimes in houses five stories high, and many flights of narrow, steep, dark and dirty stairs must be climbed each day. They spend on an average, an hour in each place. A number of the women read the scriptures daily, and are really becoming acquainted with the teachings of the Bible, and a few profess Christ.

Miss DeLine says, "We feel very uncertain how to proceed with these wives and mothers who have found Christ in the zenanas, and who, if they profess this faith and are baptized, will be driven from their homes and separated from their children. Old missionaries advise moderation and caution, teaching them to follow Christ quietly and watch their opportunity to glorify Him, by speaking well of His name and making sure

of planting deep in the hearts of their children a love of the true God, and of His son Jesus Christ." She adds, "I wish there had been some Hindu and Mohammedan zenanas in the time of Christ and His apostles, so that they would have written about them."

Added to the other work, is the Bible work, in charge of Miss Bruer. The building of the Zenana Home, for which the North Western Branch appropriated five thousand dollars last year, has not been accomplished, for two or three reasons; there was difficulty in deciding upon the location best suited to the purpose, and the question, whether it is better to buy the house we now rent, or build; and, lastly, the fact that to do either would require much greater outlay than they provided; so it was deemed necessary to give the General Executive Committee more time to consider. They ask only that the Home be provided for this year, and rent for the school building. There have been some difficulties in the educational work during the year concerning the management of the girls out of school hours. Miss Abrams asks for an appropriation for the rent of a house, so that the girls can be by themselves. Many of these girls come from homes that are mere sheds, where whole families sleep on the floor, in one little room. All about them are swarming multitudes of people, boys and girls in a state of nudity, with no conception of modesty, and yet these waifs, rescued and placed under good influence, show a remarkable susceptibility to yield to good training.

To purify them physically and morally, to educate them and yet retain the simple habits of native life so as not to unfit them for the station they must fill, to give them stability of character unnatural to them, to ground them in christian faith, is the stupendous work to be done, and nothing short of a separate establishment will make success certain. They now have twenty-five girls enrolled, and an average daily attendance of twenty. It is an established fact, a christian girls' school, in which there were only a few Hindu and Mohammedan girls. The religious influence is so strong that even the heathen girls join in the worship. Nearly all the daughters of native christians are members; nine live in the Home. On Sunday, August 19, they held an interesting service. Miss DeLine explained the Lord's prayer and repentance, then all prayed, even to little six-year old Nettie, who previously, when forgiveness was explained, asked, how she should know when her sins were forgiven; when told, she knelt down and said, "Dear Jesus, will you please forgive my sins." Though no "Amen" was added to her prayer, and she was only a little Indian girl, God heard her prayer, and she arose with tears in her eyes, and said, "Jesus has forgiven my sins."

There are three city day schools, also two Sunday schools; one at seven and another at eight o'clock. Miss Abrams is busy studying the Mahratti language, while also engaged in the foundation laying, a task too great for any one alone.

## BENGAL CONFERENCE.

## CALCUTTA.

## MISSIONARIES.

M. C. HEDRICK,

MISS LAYTON, (home on leave.)

The girls' school in Calcutta has had a very prosperous year; they have 80 boarders and 125 day scholars.

Of the nineteen girls taken on special scholarships, twelve have been gathered into the fold of Christ. In both Calcutta and Rangoon, Sunday school, evangelistic and zenana work has been carried on. The only limit in this direction is a lack of laborers.

## RANGOON.

## MISSIONARIES.

MISS JULIA WISNER,

MISS E. M. FILES.

Mrs. Fox, formerly Miss Warner, writes, under date of May 13, 1887: "Our work in this distant field is spreading out in all directions, and God is richly blessing our efforts." The steady and rapid development of our work in the last five years is really remarkable, far exceeding our expectations. Besides our English work, including the church of over 100 members, Sunday school numbering nearly 200, our girls' school and orphanage, Seaman's Rest, regular work among the soldiers, a flourishing Missionary Society, from which we obtain over one hundred rupees per month to help carry on our Native work, and a Girls' Mission Band, we have a Tamil and Telegu church and Sunday school; also a Telegu day school; we also have street preaching several nights in the week. There has recently been an unusual awakening among the natives, who attend these street services.

Our Girls' school now numbers 130, sixty-two of whom are boarders. We need another building very much, but where are the funds? The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof, the world and them that dwell therein; and we believe He will influence some of His stewards to supply our imperative needs with Christian generosity.







Our work in *Tounghooa* station, 160 miles north of Rangoon, on the railway which was commenced October, 1887, is very encouraging. Mr. and Mrs. Conklin, Miss McKesson, have charge of this work. They have a growing school, and hold religious services on the Sabbath, and several nights in the week.

Miss Wisner desires two new missionaries to be sent. Our school has grown to such a size as to oblige us to rent another building, and to remove our orphans into it. It is very important that we have a competent manager for the orphanage.

Miss Wisner from the first has been very desirous of devoting herself to Burmese work entirely, as soon as she has sufficient command of the language, and can be spared from the school. I wish she could enter this field at once, as it is already white to the harvest. Oh, for more laborers! Rev. W. F. Oldham, P. E., under date of February, 1888, writes:

"The opening up of Upper Burma is throwing an increasing number of pupils into the school, but the accommodations are already so overcrowded that I warned Miss Wisner not to allow any more entries after school opened than she had when school closed. There is no more successful work in all India; its only trouble is that it has not been written up, and so has failed to catch the special attention of ladies at home. Compare it with the Cawnpore, Budaon, and even with the Calcutta Girls' schools, and it stands second to none. The religious spirit of the school, its effect upon the community as a feeder to the Methodist Church, serve to make the Rangoon school one of the best institutions of its kind in the East. But the building needs enlargement.

## SINGAPORE.

MISSIONARY.      Miss S. BLACKMORE.

ASSISTANTS,

MRS. LEICESTER,

MRS. MCFARLANE.

Miss HAGEDORN.

TEACHERS.

Miss FOX,

Miss E. LEICESTER.

On July 18, 1888, the first year of the W. F. M. S. mission work in Singapore was completed. Work has been done mostly amongst the Malay speaking Chinese women, by visiting from house to house, and gaining an entrance into their homes by teaching.

When I first came to Singapore my visiting was chiefly in Christian families, for the purpose of gaining some knowledge of the customs of the people. In these homes I had many pleasant meetings, but as they

were already cared for, as soon as possible I went entirely to heathen houses. Nellie Jansen was my companion in these early months, until sickness in her family prevented.

Houses by degrees are opening up in an encouraging way, where from week to week Bible instruction is given, and in some cases greatly appreciated.

There are several generations of women in the same house, besides women servants, and all are eager to listen, so that in a day some thirty women and children have heard the gospel message.

The religion of these people consists almost wholly in worshipping their ancestors. They have feasts in their honor, and pray to them, and their praying consists of signs only; they repeat no words, and all they seem to want is prosperity and riches. As one goes in and out among them they continually see wickedness and oppression. Opium-smoking prevails among the poorer families.

Slavery is carried on in an underhand way. Little girls are taken at a very tender age and trained as servants, and are entirely at the mercy of their owners, and get hard usage all their lives. As they grow older they work incessantly, and when their duties in the house are done they make cakes and sell them for their master's benefit. Their only hope is to get a decent burial.

There are now several houses where girls are being taught to read and write; to four of these houses a teacher goes daily, and in the others the pupils have lessons twice a week. Chinese girls learn quickly, and are usually much interested in their study.

My latest venture has been to open a school the beginning of August, for girls in Telok Ayer, the Chinese suburb of Singapore; such a thing has not been thought of before. Eight little girls attend this school, and there are promises of more next month. I have rented the front room of the house of a Chinese widow for a school-room.

In all, there are now twenty-five Chinese girls learning to read.

The Tamil school has now completed its first year. In some respects this work has been successful. The little girls have made progress in their lessons, and their knowledge of Scripture teaching is satisfactory. The happiest hours I spend in the week in this school, are especially on Sunday afternoon. How their bright eyes sparkle as they hear some new story or truth. When they sing

Little children, little children,  
Are the gems for His kingdom,

how earnestly I pray that all of the little band may be gems in that Kingdom. But the attendance this year has not been satisfactory. Their parents so frequently move from place to place, or return to India, it is only by constant visiting that Miss Hagedorn is able to keep up the numbers at all.

Kitty's story is well known. The dear girl is improving, I think, in many ways. She now reads "Peep of Day," and is much pleased with the prospect of owning a copy. On Sunday, for the first time, we knelt together at the sacramental table.

## CHINA.

Woman's Work Opened in 1858.

FOOCHOW.

MISSIONARIES.

MISS C. JEWELL,

" J. BONAFIELD,

" L. M. FISHER,

MISS K. A. COREY, M. D. (Home on leave.)

MISS M. C. HARTFORD,

" E. JOHNSON,

" M. CARLTON, M. D.

Beautifully situated on the river Min, stretches out this great city, with its population variously estimated from 600,000 to a million, the educational centre of the province, the oldest mission field of our church in China. The report of the year has been one of vicissitude, sickness and trial, but of faithful service and fruitful results. The Minutes of the Woman's Conference, held during the session of the Annual Conference, is a wonderful document, as evidencing the advanced spiritual intelligence and earnestness of these Chinese women and girls. They give the report of their work with charming simplicity and sincerity. One of the school-girls writes a memorial on one who had died during the year, and from the picture drawn you can see how true are their ideals of life and character. One Bible woman sends her report, regretting that she cannot be present at the meeting because of the long roads and high mountains that intervene. Although she deplores that her wisdom is simple and her education little, yet she tells how there "came to me to hear the Gospel about 1,700 women." And when asking her sisters to pray for the influence of the Holy Spirit upon her work, says: "Their prayers will be like the rain which comes down from the clouds, moistening the earth, and causing the seeds which were hidden in it to spring up and grow." Another reads an essay on the "Importance of the Holy Spirit's aid in preparation for work," which, for spiritual insight and poetic thought, conveyed in quaint expressions, seems most remarkable. Another enforces her subject of the "Importance of attending prayer-meeting" with apt scriptural quotations. Another ably discusses, "Whether heathen women should be admitted to the schools." All of these seem evidences of how well the work has been wrought.



## MEDICAL WORK.

The opening of the year found Dr. Corey alone in charge of the medical work, overworked and ill, unable longer to bear the burden. Bishop Warren, then presiding over the conference, quickly took in the situation and by telegraph summoned Dr. Carlton, on her way to Nanking, to the rescue. It was hoped that, thus relieved, Dr. Corey might remain, but the impossibility of this soon became apparent, and with unspeakable heart-breaking to herself and her fellow-workers and the Chinese students she was training, and to all the sick to whom she had ministered, she took herself from her loved work. It would not be easy to speak too strongly of her devotion, her loving, untiring ministry to the souls and bodies of these poor women, and the gratitude and devotion which was their response for the benefits received.

Dr. Carlton, in like spirit, is doing like work. The pressure of responsibility and work is simply enormous, our medical work now having become thoroughly established in the confidence of the Chinese people. But our enlarged hospital now gives accommodation to 60 or 70 patients, our city dispensary is filled with applicants and calls are coming continually, not only from the women of the city but of the country round about and far up among the mountains; no wonder the pleading is pathetic for another doctor. We rejoice that Miss Ella Johnson, a thoroughly trained nurse, sailed Sept. 8th to give her valuable help in this department. The training of medical students is an important feature in this work. They are intelligent, earnest Christian women. They accompany the Doctor, aiding in the hospital and dispensary work. These have been under training during the past year. Three additional ones are asked for next.

## EDUCATIONAL WORK.

This has been under the charge of Miss Jewell and Miss Hartford, who reached Foochow during the year. In the boarding-school 58 scholars are enrolled, with many applicants waiting their chance for a place. Eight of these students are women; four married. The separation between the women's and the girls' school that is so desired for the efficiency of both, has not been obtained on account of inefficient accommodations. Twelve thousand dollars are asked for for the purchase of property. It will enable the mission to meet the growing demands of the students and a division of the departments. Miss Jewell writes: "Work at school has been going on nearly all the time. There were four large girls for whom I felt especially anxious; their standing was so low that they are holding their places on probation only. When the teachers came up with their reports, one of the young girls said, 'Oh, Miss Jewell, you prayed these girls into good lessons!' I knew I had prayed, and I was thankful. We



had nightly meetings in our native chapel for four weeks. Nineteen of the girls are full members in the church, and twenty are probationers. Seven were baptized on Christmas day."

*The Hing Hwa Woman's School* has grown to three this year, enrolling 40 this term. Of the day-schools Miss Jewell writes: "These have been a matter of thanksgiving to me all the year. They have prospered and are prospering. Four new ones have been opened in Ku Cheng, two in Foochow, one in Hok Chiang, and another asked for there, but we cannot spare the teacher. The estimates are for thirty of these schools. During the year we have had a strange visitant in our midst—the first delegate from the Chinese Empire to the General Conference of our church. It was a strange sight to see him occupy our pulpits, and a strange experience to receive the emblems of Christ's broken body and shed blood from the hands of one of the people whom we associate only with heathenism and idolatry. Twice we saw the stolidity which is supposed to characterize the Chinese, broken down, and face aglow and voice tremulous with emotion, when Sia Sek Ong spoke of his personal realization of the truths of Christian experience,—of that Christian hope, in the triumph of which his loved daughter, one of the pupils of our school, passed over to the other side. The other, when he expressed his great longing to meet the women of our country, of our church, and of our Society. The chief desire he had, indeed, in coming to this country was that he might thank them for what they have done, and plead with them for the Christian education, even the higher education, of the daughters of his people. Unable to stay, he gave this message to me for the committee, and committed the responsibility which I am discharging this day. He said, 'The conversion and Christian training of one Chinese woman is of more value for God's work than that of twenty men.'"

## NORTH CHINA.

### PEKING.

#### MISSIONARIES

MISS ANNIE B. SEARS. (Home on leave.)	MRS. CHARLOTTE M. JEWELL.
MISS ANNA D. GLOSS, M. D.	MISS EDNA G. TERRY, M. D.
MISS NELLIE R. GREEN.	MISS MARY KETRING.
MISS CLARA M. CUSHMAN.	

Mrs. Jewell writes: The work for women this year has not been so aggressive as desired—still we have at least partially learned, if we cannot do what we would, to cheerfully do what we can. Returning from Japan I reached Tientsin Nov. 1. Lack of strength made it necessary to at first make haste very slowly.



As the weeks passed, some vigor was gathered from each of them, and gradually we were able to take more work.

In Oct. Mrs. Walker gathered her day school of some fifteen pupils, and employed a native woman to assist in teaching. Soon after my arrival, the school was given over to my direction.

The school was continued with somewhat of an irregular attendance until early Spring, when it was discontinued.

A day school has been started in the native city, taught by a former Peking school girl.

A very difficult thing it is to maintain successful day-schools in North China. Girls old enough to take in such instruction as would be given in them must be taught something more profitable than intellectual improvement!

Repairs on Hospital, commenced last year, have been completed this year. One building containing two large wards, for several years uninhabitable, is now made into the sunniest, healthiest building on the place, and a line of smaller rooms, previously too damp for occupancy have been rebuilt and made dry and healthy—and are occupied by the Training Class this year.

*Medical Work* has been successfully carried on until May, when a change and rest made it necessary to close the work for three months.

A large work in the country is open, but the working force must be increased before this can be entered upon. Average attendance at the Hospital clinics has fallen off during the year, but at the city dispensary has averaged sixty, two days in each week. Mrs. Jewell usually precedes Dr. Gloss, and amid a babel of women's voices and children's cries, tells them of the "doctrine," until the arrival of the Doctor, when they become so intent upon physical ills as to have no ears for anything else. Most of these women are Mohammedans, who insist that Christianity and Mohammedanism are one! She gives this little incident, which shows that some seed falls on good ground and springs up. One day, as I began talking, an old lady spoke up. "I know what you are saying. Some years ago I was sick and went to the Hospital, and Miss Yates taught me, so now I worship and pray to the true God," and then turning to the women, she exhorted them to leave their false gods, and worship the true God.

The Bible woman, Mrs. Li, spends one day in each week visiting from house to house in the dispensary neighborhood. A nucleus of a church, a girl's school, and a large school for boys, of over thirty pupils, have come up here within two years, as the result of the medical work.

*The Training School* has been small, only two pupils have been supported, with a few who attend irregularly. All must commence with the very rudiments,—spelling out the Catechism. One old lady of sixty years, entered upon this work with greatest zeal, and found it satisfying truth!—The meaning of her catechism she drank in sentence by sentence.

Then, the story of the life of Christ; as it went on she became more and more infatuated with it. One day, she looked up with tears and said, "Oh how much pains the Lord has taken to save us." A class-meeting for women, after each Sunday morning service, Sunday school in the afternoon, and a weekly prayer meeting, have all been well attended.—She adds, "we need more workers to come in God's strength, workers filled with the three missionary requisites, 'Grit, Grace and Gumption,' and whose faith will not shrink though pressed by every foe."

Dr. Terry writes: The result of my year in Tsun Hua has been little more than to make a beginning. Providentially, it seems, I have been kept from any extended medical work, having neither "hospital nor dispensary" at my command, and no other member of the W. F. M. S. upon whom I can depend for assistance. I have not sought work, but have received all who have come to me, and have made visits wherever I have been invited to see patients in their homes. Mrs. Pyke and Mrs. Willits have both very kindly given me their assistance in this work.

To say that I have treated 175 patients seems like a very meagre report, when compared with work in other places, but this is the beginning only.

Work among the women has been taken up and carried forward by Mrs. Willits. When I first came here, there were but few women who attended chapel services. At present we often have as many as twenty.

Several additions of very bright young women have been made to our company during the year. Some of the servants have brought their wives from their homes in other places. Two have come to us besides, from heathen homes.

During the Summer one young woman came every day to be taught. Early in November, Mrs. Willits and I began to make weekly visits to those who desired to learn to read.

Five women have completed the catechism, two others have learned part of it. Some began to read the Gospel of Mark, though but one finished it. The others are reading a book called "Words and Acts of Jesus." For the last six months the women have gathered for a prayer meeting every Sabbath afternoon. The attendance has been good, the results, who can tell?

Five women are waiting to receive baptism and come into the church.

The Tsun Hua Ladies' Home is now nearly completed, and is esteemed a model one by all who have seen its conveniences and appointments.

The Dispensary, consisting of waiting room, office and some necessary smaller rooms, will be ready for use this autumn. It is my purpose to begin after the annual meeting, and hold daily clinics.

There will be an interesting woman's work for the one who shall come prepared to do it. We trust it may go on for another year without interruption, and many more be added to our number.

Dr. Terry was called professionally into Mongolia, a four days' trip from Tsun Hua, and her heart was stirred for the people of this mining region. All through this great country there is but one missionary,—a gentleman from the London Mission. When shall the Meth. Ep. Church raise the standard there?

Miss Green's work in Peking has been principally visiting the women in their own homes. Number of visits made 213. Public Refuges 3. The women have been learning to read, but many of them seem to care only to acquire a knowledge of the character; yet this is a good way to lead up to the truth. Some say they have no time, which means, in many instances, no inclination.

The attendance at the Woman's Meeting in Southern City has been well sustained. The Bible woman has done good work among a class not accessible to foreigners. No more encouraging work has been done during the year than that at the Hospital. Several women, who knew nothing of the great salvation previously, were daily instructed in the truth, and I believe their hearts were touched. I have been neither discouraged nor disappointed in my first year's experience among heathen women. It may be that my hopes on setting out were not as high as those of many others, but in looking over the record my heart is very thankful that I have been permitted to speak in that Name which is above every other, and that some have responded."

Miss Sears bravely carried the school work, despite weariness and weakness, even to the close of the school year. Loving, sympathizing, helpful hands, assisted her on some lines of work, but the burdens and responsibilities were hers. Thousands of praying women in the homeland daily asked that the promise might be verified unto her there. "As thy days, so shall thy strength be."—And who shall say that these answered petitions held her to this post of duty, until she could be released without harm to the work. He knoweth all.

When Miss Cushman arrived in Tientsin, Miss Sears had sailed for home; the few girls left for the long vacation, were in Tientsin; the home in Peking closed; but she found plenty of work while waiting. After going to Peking she writes: It seems to me rather strange, that in the short time I have been here, I should have had to watch with two dying ones! How we *do* and shall miss dear old Chen Nai Nai, the school matron. She was here when I first came. I am sure she has been made ruler over many things. She was ill for over a month, but died peacefully at last, constantly saying "Woo pee pa" "Woo pee pa" "I am not afraid" "I am not afraid." It was so good to hear her say and repeat it, "I have the Lord's peace in my heart." One woman came up and told me she found her crying because she had no way in which to pay me for my care of her. It was so touching to me to hear her beg the Lord to forgive her sins for my sake! To look in *my face*, and not at her *sins*!

When I told her, down at Tientsin, how much I wanted her to get well, and how necessary she seemed to the work, she protested that *she* was of no use "in making the Lord's house." Said she, "I am not a carpenter, or mason, I can only carry a little plaster for the mason's use!" Dear old Chen Nai Nai! She is at rest. The bandages have been bound around the poor tired maimed feet for the last time. She lies beside her old husband, the first member of our Peking Church. How sweet to her ears has been the "Well done, good and faithful."

I will only stop now to tell you of another Mrs. Chen who has come in from the country to study with me. She is 67, bright, intelligent, well-to-do and *clean*. She is studying the catechism, and thinks she is very stupid. I heard Dr. Tsao telling her to ask God to help her, and she said, "I *have asked Him*, but I guess He don't know. He has not got the news yet that I have come in here."

## CENTRAL CHINA.

### CHIN KIANG.

#### MISSIONARIES.

MISS L. H. HOAG, M. D.,

MISS MARY ROBINSON,

MISS SARAH PETERS.

Since the new building was completed here the medical work has very much increased. Dr. Hoag writes: "We are so happy with the prospect of a lady coming to help us, and I shall have so much more heart to work. No one could find more pleasure than Miss Robinson and myself in the work. The total cost of the new building here was \$8,874.85; this includes land, school building, home and wall.

We enjoyed the visit of Bishop and Mrs. Warren, Mrs. Miller and party, very much when they were here. We felt as if some of our home friends were with us, for they entered into the interest of the work so fully. With Mrs. Warren's and Mrs. Miller's gifts, we have sent to London for some requisites for the medical work of the school.

Mrs. Taft, when here, gave us something for the work which we put into the building fund, as we needed it there. There are now from 80 to 90 women gathered daily in the dispensary, ready and willing to be taught, but there is no one to teach them, and after a lady comes she needs to study a year. Miss Peters, in answer to this call, was sent by the Northwestern Branch during the past year.

*School Work.* Of the school, Miss Robinson writes: "We have had some additions to our first annual examination by the committee appointed, and the children did themselves great credit. The unbinding of the girls' feet makes an obstacle in the way of school enlargement, but

we trust after awhile to have more than we can accommodate. We cannot rush things in China. The impressions made are gradual. We have had a visit from an Evangelist, Miss Murray, of the China-Inland Mission. She has been talking to the women and the patients. I have sympathized to-day with our dispensary assistant. Her husband is an opium-smoker, and a very bad man. He will not work, but lives on her scanty earnings. He took a notion to sell his wife, as he could get a good sum of money—about fifty dollars. There were some obstacles in the way here so he decided to take her to Kiu Kiang; so she has a little respite, but she will be the next chattel to sell. She is 28 years old, and has done nobly, and has a dear little boy about four years old. This child was heard to say one night, after he had gone to bed, “Oh, Jesus, come and take me and mamma to heaven, where papa can’t find us.” Miss Robinson was overworked during the summer and took a little trip. Miss Hoag says: “In Miss Robinson’s absence I took the school, and everything went smoothly, for the children are well trained. We hear of the wonderful awakening there is all over the world, and if faith and work continue we may hope for great things here.”

#### KIU KIANG.

##### MISSIONARIES.

MISS GERTRUDE HOWE,

MISS FRANCES WHEELER.

Miss Howe and Miss Wheeler have taken up the work that was abandoned when Miss Howe went to Chung King. Miss Howe suffered from the nervous strain through which she passed during the riots and was compelled to rest for awhile from her daily duties. She took a short trip to Japan which helped her very much. There has been no change in the position of the school or Home, as was proposed last year, because of inability to obtain a lot. The ground used at present for the play-ground belongs to the Parent Board, and they need it for the enlargement of their own premises. It is necessary to have the school building connected with the Home. A separate building is needed for the class of women in the study of the Scriptures, whom they hope to gather from the country stations. The outlook for the work here is good; and although our thoughts sometimes turn to Szchuen, we agree it is better to remain here on account of the girls. Our watchword now is, ‘Hold the Fort.’”

#### NANKING

##### MISSIONARIES.

MISS ELLA C. SHAW,

MISS EMMA MITCHELL.

Miss Shaw says that she has not attempted to have a large school this season, owing to the moving, and the workmen still being around the



house. Six of the little girls came down from Wuhu, and with them she commenced the school. These are bright, interesting girls.

One is trying to be a Christian, and all the rest seem interested. She says when she first moved, the place was overrun with Chinese women. "Most of them came from curiosity, while others seemed interested in the school. Some of them came a great many times, and we tried not to let any go from us without first hearing the story of Jesus. I am surprised to find so many Chinese women who can read, and we might do successful work among them, could we organize them into classes." Work has been done among the women in the hospital, and there are some interesting cases. Mrs. Jackson has a class among the women, averaging about twenty-five, who meet twice a week. Miss Shaw says: "Everything now is ready for effective work. The Lord has been with me in my loneliness, and has directed my steps, and the day is not distant when many in Nanking will worship the true God." She wrote that she was anxiously waiting for Miss Mitchell.

## JAPAN.

Work commenced 1874.

### TOKYO.

#### MISSIONARIES.

Miss M. A. SPENCER, Tokyo.	Miss A. P. ATKINSON, Aoyama.
Miss M. J. HOLBROOK, Peeress School, Tokyo.	
Miss M. A. VANCE, Aoyama.	Miss R. J. WATSON, Tokyo.
" M. ATKINSON, Aoyama.	Miss A. M. KAULBACH, Yonezawa.
Miss M. E. V. PARDOE, Tokyo.	

The girls' school in Tokyo has been somewhat cramped in its advancement by the lack of the sufficient number of missionary teachers for its increasing demands. The recent arrival of Miss Pardoe will, in some measure, relieve this pressure. Progress has been made, however, chiefly in the grade of scholarship, which it has been decided to make still higher the ensuing year. The entire work of the school has devolved upon Miss Watson and Miss Vance; but the time spent in the school-room constitutes but a small part of the labors of the teacher in a missionary boarding school. In fact the work requires the same tact and patience that a mother must give to her family, but on a much larger scale.

During the year, 160 pupils have been enrolled, eight of whom are self supporting, fifty-five partially so, the remainder receiving their support entirely from the funds of the school; 127 have received instruction in







English, and 40 in instrumental music, while all have had one lesson each week in vocal music, drawing, penmanship, etiquette and sewing. The numbers have been limited only by lack of room, and there are many more applicants for the coming year than can possibly be accommodated.

In July, ten christian girls were graduated, who will fill various positions as teachers or helpers in christian work. Many of the girls have been clearly converted, and others have received a fresh baptism of the Holy Spirit and a new impetus for the Master's work. There are now 85 professing christians in the school.

### AOYAMA.

One of the special blessings of the year has been the completion of the new school building at Aoyama, and work was opened in September. Miss Atkinson, though in America for rest, has been abundant in labors, and has secured a liberal supply of furniture and apparatus for this school, intended for the higher education of women. Miss Watson gratefully acknowledges the receipt of donations from Mrs. Dr. Abel Stevens and Prof. Wilson, of Chattanooga, who have been visiting Japan. Miss Vance has had special supervision of the primary department of the Tokyo school. In writing of the weekly class-meetings which she held, she says: "About half of the forty pupils have become members of the church, and these little Christians formed a private circle for daily prayer, in which they would relate their trials and faults, and pray for their unconverted classmates." Miss Vance has had a large proportion of the music pupils, who have largely increased in number. The interest taken in foreign music by the Japanese is something remarkable. Their practice is regular and faithful, many of them evincing great aptitude in learning. All are specially taught to play church tunes, that they may be able to assist in the Sunday services.

Miss Spencer's work has been the superintendence of the day schools, work among the women, and assisting in the music lessons. There are five day and five Sunday schools. The native teachers of the former organized themselves into a society to meet monthly, in order to make the schools as nearly uniform as possible; the effect has been a very decided advance in the grade and influence of these schools. At the closing exercises prizes were given to 111, and 286 pupils received certificates of promotion.

Day school pupils in regular attendance.....	507
New pupils during the year.....	310

The Sunday schools have been supplied with teachers from the Tokyo Home. Nine have gone each Sunday to the four outside schools and six classes in the Tsukiji Sunday school are taught by the pupils.

A very important part of Miss Spencer's work has been the Bible Training Class, held three mornings in the week, in the rooms of the Gospel Society. The object is to give a course of Bible instruction to the wives of the Tokyo native pastors, and to others who are unable to attend the Training school in Yokohama. No tuition fee is charged, but those who are able furnish their own books, and do all they can in evangelistic work. Some teach knitting and crochet in the day schools, some hold women's meetings, or are leading spirits in the temperance work. Five weekly meetings among the women are superintended, at some of which foreign sewing is taught, an accomplishment just now in great demand among Japanese women. Some of these women have learned the vanity of devoting their lives to dress and pleasure, and others have found that only Jesus can be the heart's comforter in time of sorrow.

Time has been found for but one country trip. This was through the Tokyo district, and extended over three weeks. Miss Spencer and her helper, one of the Bible women from Yokohama, in this trip visited nine places, held nineteen meetings for women, attended thirty-five services, and found much cause for gratitude and encouragement in many places.

The pastor's wife at Sendai, under Mrs. Schwatz's care, being well educated and a good musician, has been an efficient helper. Three women's meetings are held weekly, and many of the female members are working actively to raise money for the new church in Sendai.

From Yonezawa Mrs. Cleveland writes that thirty-five pupils have attended her day schools, most of whom have become interested in Christianity; several have been baptized, and some are now on probation, but are held back by their parents. A large Bible class meets every Sunday and there are two other weekly classes in knitting, where the Bible is taught. The Bible class meets in the house of a cake dealer, near the church. On the first Sunday, one of the family slipped in and slyly set an offering cake before the shrine, to propitiate the gods for the presence of a Christian assembly in the house. Of late, however, the gods have been neglected, and it is hoped the whole family may be won to the worship of the one true God.

Very recently Miss Kaulbach has been appointed to Yonezawa, and a girls' school commenced in this promising field.

## YOKOHAMA.

### MISSIONARIES.

MRS. C. M. VAN PETTEN,

MISS G. M. RULOFSON.

The year has been an unusually busy one with our small force of workers in this important field. When the appropriations were made

at our last General Executive meeting the amount assigned for repairs on Memorial Home was supposed to be ample for the purpose, as it was all that was asked for in the estimates. But a thorough examination of the building, by a competent person, revealed the fact, that, to put the house in a condition of safety, the repairs must be more thorough and extensive than planned for at first. Rotten sills and beams must be removed, and sound, strong ones substituted; braces multiplied, tiles removed to get at faulty timbers underneath, with other deficiencies not included in the former estimates. This thorough repairing, which would put the premises in good condition, so that for ten or fifteen years no repairing, save such as any well-built house is liable to by way of paint or minor affairs, will be needed, seemed not only very desirable but a necessity for the safety of the inmates, and a wise business arrangement as well. An appeal was sent home asking for the additional amount needful for carrying out the plan for thorough repairs, but our treasuries were pledged to their utmost, and but little help could be given. But it was decided *there* to commence, and what *was* done have done thoroughly, so as to do away with a sinking fund every year of two or three hundred dollars for patching up that which is rotten on the inside. The work of repairing was commenced at the close of the school term, and was supervised by Miss Rulofson, whose business ability and experience proved most favorable for us, as she gave personal attention to the details of the work, and finances as well. She writes: "The Home is worth several hundred dollars more than it was two years ago, and if put into the market to-day would bring more than enough to cover repairs above the former value. At any rate, I enjoy the feeling of safety that pervades our household when the strong winds blow, and a slight earthquake shock we are hardly conscious of now. At the request of our very practical, economical workers here, paints and oils for the outside of this Home were forwarded in August, and received in good order."

The schools in charge of Miss Rulofson have had a year of prosperity. She writes very favorably of a "farewell meeting" given to two members of the "Gospel Society" who were coming to America to attend school, and a young lad about 14 years of age who was a graduate from the Furocho day-school. She says: "I have been very much interested in this boy; he came into our school from one of the government schools a while ago, because, he said, the scholars at Furocho school learned faster and knew more than they did at his school. He did not go to Sunday-school or know anything about the Bible then, but being interested in the hymns and Bible-lessons at the day-school, he soon commenced to go to Sunday-school, and then to church services. Becoming interested himself, he brought his friends and relations with him, until, on the

evening referred to, two long benches were completely filled with those he had brought to attend the Christian meetings.

"I did not want to spare my 'little missionary' to go to America at all, but that land is the Mecca of Japanese ambition, and the dear boy must go! He gives good evidence of conversion—has been baptized and received into the church. He goes under the care of a good Christian man."

She also tells us a little of her helper, "O Fusa San," who finished the three years' course in the Training School in June last, and who has received instruction in English from Miss Rulofson, and become a very acceptable teacher of that language. She received from one of the royal family an application to become a governess in his family, with a good salary, but she preferred remaining with Miss R. in the work.

Mrs. Van Petten has had a year of hard work, but great success has crowned her efforts, and the Training School for Bible-women in Yokohama is esteemed a model school. Six women completed the course and graduated with honor at the close of the school-year in June.

In the April vacation, Mrs. Van Petten and one of the assistants, with some of the Bible-women, went to Nagoya and spent nearly three weeks, holding a meeting every day but Saturday, at which from twenty to fifty women were present. As one result of these services, four of the women—one of them a teacher of influence—applied for baptism. One of them was invited to speak in the Normal School at Nagoya, and did so. On their way home they held meetings in three places, and found many eager listeners. She adds: "Two hundred miles in jinrikisha, stage and kago (a kind of chair) and on foot over the mountain, through the rain, and stopping at Japanese hotels, gave me an opportunity of realizing afresh the greatness of the work to which I am called! Heathenism is bare and repulsive! Only God, the Mighty One, can restore His image in His fallen children in this sin-enslaved world. My women were very happy over the work of these three weeks, and want to go again. Some who spent vacation at their own homes in the country wept as they told of the prevailing indifference in their communities."

It seems to be an open question still, whether to adhere to the original plan for this Training School, "to receive a limited number—not over thirty—well selected women; train them very thoroughly, and work with them where we are needed, or let them work with others; or yield to the great pressure, enlarge our buildings and take all who apply. I think the former will do more good; but it is hard to refuse the eager applicants, and hard to choose among them." In the early part of the last school year, more applications were received for the present year than could possibly be accommodated. Great wisdom is needed in deciding this matter. If provision is not made here, it must be at some other place. Trained Bible-women are a grand and important factor in Christianizing



this wonderful Empire. The homes—the *homes* are to feel the transforming power of our Divine Christ; then shall this isle of the sea “blossom abundantly and rejoice even with joy and singing; the glory of Lebanon shall be given unto it, the excellency of Carmel and Sharon; they shall see the glory of the Lord, and the excellency of our God.”

Bishop Fowler, in his recent visit to Japan, strongly recommended the erection of a building on the vacant lot owned by our Society, for a girls' school which should be connected with the Training School.

To this recommendation, Mrs. Van Petten adds: I believe that with less than a thousand dollars, we could put up a good Japanese house, that would accommodate fifty of the girls of eighteen or twenty, who are so anxious to come to us, and that we could fill it with self supporting girls, and make it a preparatory school, and by this arrangement the Bible course might be reduced from four years to two. This school would not necessarily involve the sending of a third lady, as it could be managed with Japanese assistants.

Through the home-coming of Mrs. Viele, the Union Society are somewhat embarrassed, and the twenty five girls cared for by them could be turned over to the ladies at the “Home”, if they could take them. But this would involve quite an outlay of means, and the sending of another lady. Mrs. Van Petten says: “I do not urge this matter, but speak of it because urged to do so. The condition of these children is sad, homeless as many of them are; I trust, however, that some arrangement may be made for keeping them together, although now the prospect is not very favorable.”

May Divine wisdom be given to direct in all.

## HAKODATI.

Work Opened in 1878.

### MISSIONARIES.

MISS ELLA J. HEWETT,

MISS ANNA KAULBACH.

CAROLINE WRIGHT MEMORIAL SCHOOL, HAKODATI.

Miss Hewett reports: Another busy year has passed, and so swiftly we have hardly noted its flight. As we look back over the record, we find no marked events or stirring incidents, but days filled with quiet, steady work, and yet every day is marked by the kindly leading of a loving Father's hand.

While we have been sowing the seed, blessing upon the seed-sowing of other years has given fruit to encourage and inspire our hearts, and we press on, thankful that we have a place in this part of the Lord's vineyard. Our school has increased in numbers, and we have earnestly wished our

building might have a corresponding increase in size. The entire enrolment for the year is one hundred and ten.

Of these, seventy-two have boarded in the house, filling our dormitories fuller than they should be for health. The school-rooms, too, are much too full for either health or convenience. We hope to find a way out of the difficulty by renting a building for the coming year.

Since last September we have admitted no girls to be supported by the school. Then we received one who had been promised a place the year before.

The receipts this year are \$219.51.

One scholarship has been added to our number, making fifty-five, but only nineteen are entirely supported. Most of our girls are taking both the English and Japanese course. Two or three are taking only Japanese, and a few day-scholars come for English, taking but a part of the Japanese course. All have lessons in vocal music, drawing, penmanship, knitting and sewing, and all the boarders have daily tasks in housework. Seventeen girls have lessons on the organ.

The school is divided into four classes for Bible study, and the first half hour after morning prayers is given to instruction in the Bible and our church catechism. Friday afternoons we close the school with a half-hour prayer meeting. Unless all the girls in the house are required to go to church Sunday morning, only the older girls are allowed to attend the evening services.

The day scholars are invited to attend church and Sunday-school, and the weekly record shows that a good number attend quite regularly.

In our weekly prayer-meetings and class-meetings we have had some very precious times. We have been gratified by the earnestness with which the girls have entered into the spirit of these meetings. Their talks about their heart experiences and their intelligent questions about their Bible lessons and daily readings, help us to note something of their progress in the Christian life. Six girls have received baptism. All of the older girls in the house, excepting two or three, have been baptized.

These have been in the house but a short time. Many of the younger Christians have not yet received baptism. In the spring Miss Nagamine, one of our most valuable teachers, was married to Mr. Honda, one of the leading men in our Japan Conference; one who received the honor of being elected reserve lay delegate to the General Conference. If we must give her up, we know of no one we would have preferred above him. Miss Nagamine had been with us more than two years, and we would gladly have kept her for years to come. By her earnest Christian example, diligent work in the school-room, apt teaching in the Sunday school class, and her helpful counsels in the social meetings, she endeared herself to all, and won for herself a warm place in the hearts of both teachers and pupils.

The two street Sunday schools, opened last year, have been continued with increasing numbers. In each of these schools we often have sixty or seventy present, and in the fishing village the number has reached one hundred. While this work is for the children, many older people come and listen gladly, many times eagerly receiving the tracts we offer them. When we opened these schools last year only five or six girls were able to help us; now there are fifteen who work in these schools and the one opened by Mrs. Draper in another part of the city, at the same time we began our work in the fishing village and on Main street. Our girls found a part of their Christmas joy in preparing gifts for the children of these street schools. Bountiful boxes and packages of beautiful things from Mrs. Wright, and from Vermont, Michigan and Indiana, had come to gladden their own hearts, and they were quite ready to pour out of their richness into lives less favored.

Our day school in Hirosaki has an enrolment of forty. We have made two visits to their school. The teachers seemed earnest and faithful in their work, the principal teacher having an especially happy way with the little folks. In the hurried visits we were obliged to make we could not judge of the work as we would like, but the written reports indicate that very good work has been done. The first hour of each day is given to devotional exercises, singing and Bible and catechism lessons. The people are pushing ahead with their preparation, and will be ready for Miss Hampton when she comes.

Mrs. Nagamine Honda has her home in Hirosaki this year, and will, doubtless, render Miss Hampton invaluable aid in her work there. At the District Conference Mr. Draper gave one day to woman's work, and through his invitation Miss Kaulbach was present and organized a "Mutual Improvement and Temperance Society," with twenty-one members. A letter from Mrs. McInturff, later, told of ten new members, making the number thirty-one.

These women meet regularly for reading, talking, and studying, making special study of the Bible, and for prayer meetings. One of the first books taken up was "The Life of Susanna Wesley," translated by Miss Spencer. Mrs. Draper has held woman's meetings in Hirosaki and other towns in the district, and since Mrs. McInturff's arrival in Hirosaki she has been at work among the women, holding meetings and visiting them in their homes.

In Hakodati Mrs. Green has continued her weekly Woman's Bible class in the Sunday school. There is also a Woman's Missionary Society of nineteen members, which was organized last January. Monthly meetings are held, with the usual programme of singing, prayer, Bible reading, and missionary talks. Mrs. Draper is President.

## KIUSHIU.

## MISSIONARIES.

## Nagasaki.

MISS E. RUSSELL,

MISS E. EVERDING,

MISS M. J. ELLIOTT,

## Fukuoka.

MISS J. M. GHEER, (home on leave.)

MISS LIDA B. SMITH,

MISS BELLE J. ALLEN,

MISS ANNA L. BING.

Miss Russell writes from Nagasaki, "We have just closed a busy, successful year; have had 175 names enrolled, and an attendance almost equal to enrolment. Our commencement was an occasion of much interest to us, as well as to our friends and patrons. Seven girls graduated from the Japanese department, and five Bible women finished the prescribed course of study. It was a pleasant sight to see Mrs. Shitabo graduating from one department and her daughter from another. We have another class of six Bible women coming on. The religious interest has been continuous throughout the year, attended with more or less revival influence. We have had as a school a year of exceptional health, and with rejoicing we give thanks for these and many other tokens of Divine favor." The failure to send out any one to Fukuoka to take Miss Gheer's place necessitated Miss Smith's remaining there alone the greater part of the year. The school prospered, and the new house, which was opened in September, is very comfortable, and with its increased accommodations, will soon rival the numbers of the Nagasaki School. The Bible women's work, so well carried on by Miss Gheer, needs the constant help and supervision of one missionary. Two Bible women are regularly employed and others need training. Miss Allen was sent to Fukuoka by the Japan conference, to assist Miss Smith until Miss Gheer returns. The school opened last year at Kagoshima by two of the girls from Nagasaki is still kept up. Miss Russell says of these girls: "They have done good service in their school, and in evangelistic work among the women all through the year, besides keeping up their studies; they came up here the 1st of June and passed very creditable examinations, having studied Binney's Theology, Bible History from David's time, and Evidences of Christianity, without a teacher. They lacked these to complete the course when they went to Kagoshima, last year." Fukuoka lies about one hundred miles north of Nagasaki, and our missionaries have been importuned to open another school in Kumemota, a large city in the southern part of the island of Kiushu. O Saki Sen, who is a most successful evangelistic worker among both men and women, will work at Kumemota next year. Miss

Russell's four schools would still be below the wants of the growing church on this island of 6,000,000 people, but our first duty is to make these two already established efficient. As far as I have read the history of missions, the situation in Japan is unique. I fear the Church will not see the opportunity until it is past. To me it seems that it would be the best paying investment the Methodist Church ever made to send out fifty ordained evangelists and fifty college-bred men and women as teachers to Japan the current year." Misses Everding and Elliott have toiled faithfully, and the arrival of Miss Bing, early in October, will be a welcome event. Twenty-eight music pupils are ready for her. It is earnestly hoped that Miss Russell may reach here before the year closes, and gain the rest and change so well won by nine years' continuous labor.

The school in Nagasaki has been enriched by various gifts of much value in the educational line—a very superior mounted microscope and a set of philosophical apparatus, valued at \$350, from Cincinnati Branch friends; then from Mrs. Davis, of Boston, chemical and astronomical apparatus, models for physiology, McAllister's illustrations for microscope, etc., valued at \$320. Of this amount Chaplain Holway and Mrs. Dutton each gave \$10. Friends of Miss Elliott sent a nice organ, and a new piano was added to the school belongings, the last largely by the self-denial and efforts of the missionaries. A traveller, writing back from southern Japan, says: "The Christian work on this island would not be more than half described if the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society's work and workers were unnoticed. In Nagasaki they have the most beautiful site, and most imposing building in the city, and the school is worthy its position and advantages. At Fukuoka a fine building has just been completed, where two hundred students could be taught. We have no missionaries who excel those of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, in the amount of work done, or the wisdom of their plans. There is no work done to elevate the human race more blessed than that which the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society is doing in heathen lands."

#### SUMMARY.

Missionaries. ....	6
Boarding Schools.....	2
Pupils in same.....	235
Day Schools. ....	2
Bible Women.....	6
Training Classes.....	2

# STATISTICAL REPORT FOR 1888.

	BOARDING SCHOOLS.					DAY SCHOOLS.					TRAINING SCHOOLS.					SUNDAY SCHOOLS.					Value of Property of W. F. M. S.															
	No. of Boarding Schools.	Scholarships in Board- ing Schools.	Pupils in Boarding Schools.	Boarding Pupils.	Day Pupils.	Self-Supporting.	Partially Supported.	Wholly Supported.	Tuition Fees.	Native Teachers.	Pupils Teachers.	Christians in Boarding Schools.	No. of Day Schools.	Pupils in Day Schools.	Teachers in Day Schools.	Tuition Fees.	Private Schools Visited.	Pupils Instructed in Pri- vate Schools.	No. of Bible Training Schools.	Students in Training Schools.		Supported.	Self-Supporting.	Native Teachers.	Bible Women Employed.	Women's Meeting Weekly.	Tuition Fees.	No. of Sunday Schools.	Pupils in Sunday Schools.	Conversions.	Baptisms.	Probationers.	No. of Rented Buildings.			
JAPAN.																																				
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Sendai.....																																			.....	
Yonezawa.....														1	35												1	3	..	2	85	13	10	3	..	.....
Hakodati... 2	1	55	110	72	38	54	37	19	\$2,195	15	6	4	36													1	2	..	2	90	18	7	10	..	.....	
Hirosaki.....														1	40	3	\$	25	00								1	3	..	3	210	..	6	..	2	\$10,000
Yokohama.....														3	215	7	\$	518	22	1	75	1	29	22	7	3	7	20	..	3	711	36	36	49	3	\$ 4,600
Nagasaki... 3	1	56	175	100	75	90	50	35	\$	564	48	3	2	81												5	20	..	1	250	14	11	..	1	\$11,000	
Kagoshima...														1	21	2	\$	8	00								2	5	..	1	50	..	..	..	.....	
Fukuoka... 1	1	10	80	19	61	513	1	\$	117	97	2	3	45													1	3	..	..	100	..	..	..	..	\$ 8,000	

MARY A. VANCE, Chairman of Committee.



## KOREA.

Work Commenced in 1885.

SEOUL.

MISSIONARIES.

MRS. M. F. SCRANTON,

MISS L. C. ROTHWEILER,

MISS META HOWARD, M. D.

The work in Korea has been somewhat interrupted during the year, owing to political complications. Mrs. Scranton writes concerning it, as follows :

"I presume you have been kept posted in regard to the interruptions which have come to certain departments of our work. It really did look a little dark at one time and as though we might be obliged to flee for our lives ; but the cloud has lifted, and I hope we will soon be able to forget all about it. The trouble came in the beginning from the Romanists. Although they had been in Korea for many years, they worked in secret until we came. Priests were scattered all through the country, but as they took Korean names and wore mourners' costumes, they were not recognized, except by their followers. They have been large property holders for several years. We have never tried to work in the dark.

Our houses and school are "set on a hill" and many of the officials have known for a long time just what we are doing. Some complications, growing out from their conduct, caused the American Minister to send us word "that all religious teaching, by any means whatsoever, must be stopped." The story was circulated that some Korean children had been stolen and sold to foreigners, or had been killed and eaten, or used in compounding medicines. The next we heard, that several Koreans had been beaten to death for child stealing. The excitement grew more intense as the days went by. We did not have any fear of an attack upon ourselves, but when our servants became so much frightened as to talk about leaving us, we knew there was cause for alarm.

One day a crowd gathered outside our gate and accused our servants of having stolen children and sold them to me for money, and threatened to kill them. The next day word came to us that an attack had been planned for us for the evening before, and although this had failed, we must be ready to leave at a moment's notice. In a day or two seventy-five soldiers arrived from Chemulpo, and it was a great relief. I scarcely knew how burdened I was until I saw our "boys in blue."

The Korean government has tried to prevent blood-shed and the destruction of property. The King issued a proclamation, in which he denied that foreigners were guilty of such things as they had been accused of, and ordered the people to be quiet. He also ordered soldiers to patrol the streets day and night, and to arrest any one who should be heard saying anything which would cause excitement.

The day we felt the most anxiety I sent for the mothers and the relatives of our girls, and gave the girls over into their charge. I thought this best in case of any trouble. At present everything is apparently as peaceful as ever. Our Heavenly Father did hide us "in His pavilion" from the strife of tongues, and sent his angels to encamp round about us, so that we are not only unharmed, but not a stone of all our mission property has been disturbed. I have sometimes feared that the reports which reach the home land will cause some to feel that it is of little use to try to do much for Korea at present.

We who are here do not feel in the slightest discouraged. We believe with all our hearts that God wills this people to have the Gospel, and have it now, in 1888, and hence forward. We have no idea that our work will be long hindered. I believe that the present waiting season, which is very trying, has not been much of a hindrance. We shall see that the work has been progressing in spite of kings and councils, or Jesuits, or the *Evil One* himself. The restrictions which were placed upon us have not been removed, but we have resumed work in all departments, the same as before. We remained quiet as long as we felt we would be justified in so doing, and then determined to go forward and leave consequences and results to God.

The names of two new girls have been added to our school within the last two weeks, and this is a great encouragement, for it shows the people do not consider us altogether bad. We are happy and hopeful.

The medical work here is well begun. More than eight hundred patients have been treated, and quite a number visited in the homes. The people are gradually gaining confidence in our physicians, and we have no doubt there will be a large increase in hospital attendance as well as in the number of patients.

#### SCHOOL WORK.

The school has not increased in numbers as I hoped, but I remember that in other countries besides Korea there has had to be long and patient waiting before great things were accomplished. But is it a little thing after all to have thirteen girls in the Home, some of whom we know are growing christians, and some of the very wildest of them are learning to take their little every day sins to their Father in heaven, when the embracing of a new religion, or appearing to be interested in it, is fraught with so much danger? Is it a little thing that ten and sometimes twenty women gladly come to our house on Sabbath evenings to hear what we have to tell them of the wonderful things Jesus came to do for us? Is it a simple matter to find two native women who are willing to make it their business to go out among their sisters and read to them the little of the Bible we have translated and tell what they know of the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ? We do not claim that they are thoroughly trained Bible women or thoroughly developed Christians, but we know that some

change has been wrought or they would not have the courage to do this. The first time one of them came to me I asked her, "Do you love Jesus?" The answer came quickly, "I do." "Why do you love Him?" Without stopping a moment she replied, "Because He has forgiven my sins."

Our work among the women is growing. I asked a Bible women a short time ago how many were reading the "Book" and how many she had talked with. She replied, "one hundred," and said there would be many more if she only had a house large enough. We have nothing translated for them except Mark and the catechism, although the Gospels are nearly ready. Our Sunday evening meetings are well attended. Two weeks ago thirty were present besides our girls. Some of them seemed much interested, and one said the words they had heard were very good words. I have had some difficulty in getting a teacher for the women and have adopted a new plan. I asked one of the colporteurs if he would come and talk for me, provided the women were willing to have him do so. They consented, provided he did not see them. So now I shut him up in a room by himself until they are seated and ready to listen. Then I arrange a screen between them and the place where he is to sit, and in this way the women's ideas of seclusion are held sacred, and the speaker's voice can be heard as distinctly as though he were visible. I think four or five women will be baptized in a week or two. Nobody in Korea feels discouraged these days."

## BULGARIA.

Work Begun in 1884.

### MISSIONARIES.

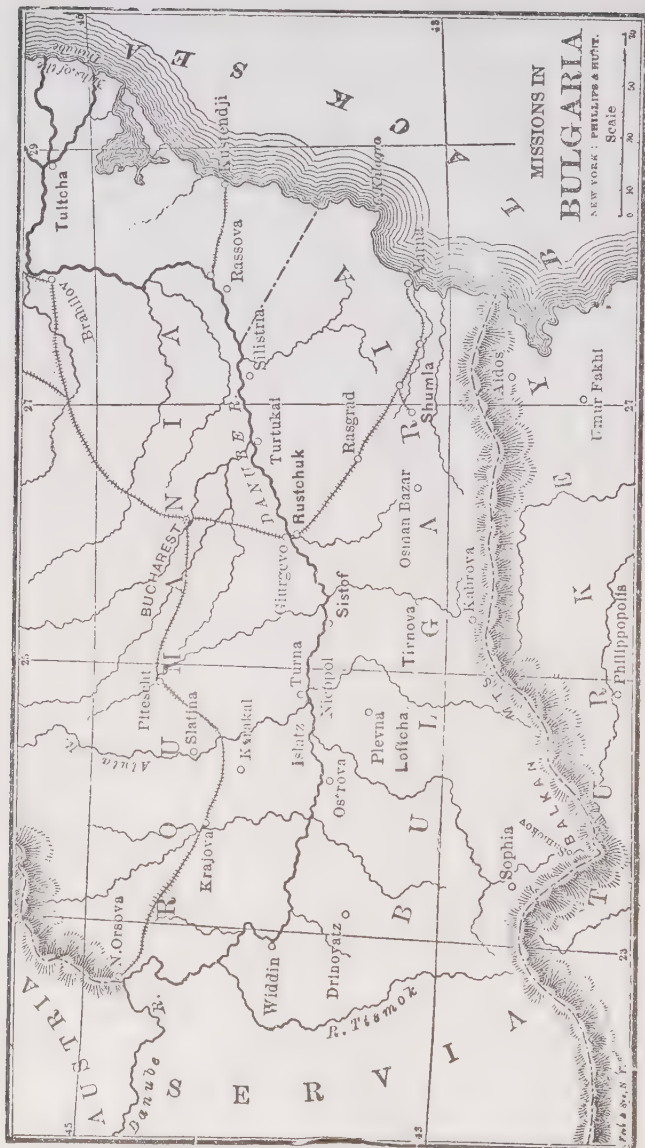
MISS LINNA M. SCHENCK,

MISS ELLA B. FINCHAM.

The past year has been one of unusual interest in our Bulgarian work. The school was larger than any previous year. Several girls graduated. The religious services have been largely attended.

Our Missionaries have greatly missed the society, council and support of Mr. and Mrs. Challis, who, after a short vacation home, have just now returned to their work. Neither of the missionaries has been very well during the year. Miss Fincham's sorrow, and her mother's lonely bereaved condition, told upon her strength the early part of the year. She has rendered most valuable service in music and English classes while acquiring the language. Miss Fincham went to Vienna to spend her vacation, but was ill, and unable to return until after the opening of the school. She recovered sufficiently to attend the annual conference, on her way back, at Sistof.

School opened the first of September, with increased numbers; we cannot receive half the number that apply. Miss S. says: "I am aware



that from all the mission fields you will hear of especial needs, and that it is an intricate problem for the workers at home to know how to deal with all these multiplied wants. But the wants exist, and I suppose the friends wish to know the truth, so that they can plan intelligently to meet the demands." The girls who graduated are all engaged in teaching and Bible work.

The school at Orchania is under the charge of Mikala Motchora. Stephana Ivanova is a very interesting pupil. She is a widow, with one child. She belongs to a family who are bitterly opposed to Protestants. In some way she gained the knowledge of the truth, and last year begged hard to be admitted to our school, that she might fit herself for work. She studies the Scriptures diligently, and has been admitted to the church on probation, and has been very faithful and exemplary. She had a hard time while at home during vacation, as her friends would not permit her to attend church or to meet her Protestant friends. But she kept faithful, and has come back rejoicing. In studying the present outlook Miss Schenck says: "I am impressed with the ever-increasing need of more earnest and widely extended work among the people. It is not a question now between Protestantism and Orthodoxy, but between Protestantism and Atheism. Intemperance and unbelief are the forces arrayed against us, and if we can keep our schools, as heretofore, in advance of native schools, both in morals and applications, we shall have a strong hold upon the intelligent people of the country, and the battle is half won. But our schools must be well equipped, for the public schools are rapidly improving. We are providing for fifty pupils, with accommodations for only twenty-five, and this increase is largely from paying pupils, and unless we can board and lodge them comfortably we cannot hold them. This, then, is the problem. We are crowded beyond the limits of comfort and of health, and applications are constantly made to us to receive new pupils. Shall we shut the door in the faces of those who are willing and anxious to enter? These new pupils come from Protestant families, who are willing that their children should be taught as we think best.

The conference just held at Sistof was a blessed session. Miss Fincham writes of it as being a real home-like gathering. On Monday morning, after the Communion service, the appointments were read, and we took a boat for our home work, with a blessed preparation for all our toils and triumphs. During the year there has been sent from the North-Western Branch a furnace for the home, as the health of the ladies has been impaired by lack of proper heating facilities. Mrs. Fincham has sent an organ for the school at her own expense. In conclusion, Miss Fincham says she learned, while ill in Vienna, that we could not half suspect the wealth and need of human sympathy until our need brings it into action. So let us not forget our comparatively isolated but needy Bulgarian Mission, and our brave workers there.



## ITALY.

## Work Begun in 1877.

MISSIONARY,

MISS EMMA HALL.

The work in Italy has had the discouragements and perplexities incident to working among a Catholic population. The loss of Dr. Vernon and family from the mission was felt very greatly by Miss Hall. Mrs. Stazi has built up an interesting woman's meeting, numbering seventeen, and she teaches them while they work. She has also established a Sabbath afternoon service in her room. She has a class of little girls and one of factory girls, who go to learn to read and write, and as soon as they learn to read, the New Testament is put into their hands. Mrs. Mando has had some most interesting experiences in her visits to the families of the Sunday school pupils. Mrs. Stazi has been able to take a goodly number of the school pupils into the Sunday-school, which has led some of the parents to attendance upon church service.

At Naples, Mrs. Conte reports the work as prospering. The numbers attending the women's meeting increases, and, by their questions, show a deepening interest and intelligence. The Sunday-school is held in her own house, and she is able to turn the Leaf Clusters, given them by Bishop Vincent, to account, in making the Sunday-school lesson, which she uses in her weekly instruction of the women, more vivid and impressive to these older minds. The little school at Soccaro has suffered severely from persecution. The position and wealth of the gentleman who established the school, and his general intelligence, is a strong support to us, but this does not overbalance the power of the priests over their abject adherents. Hence the school has been diminished and crippled. He provided a festival for the school at Christmas time, which was greatly enjoyed. The school mistress and her mother have held meetings with the women, and two or three women have requested permission to join the church. Great caution has to be observed, lest mercenary motives influence them.

Mrs. Campani is doing faithful work. The superstitions, however, are so firmly rooted in the very being of these people that to break over them is often worse than to surrender life itself.

At Milan the purchase of property by the Parent Board will enable our society to take up lines of work which it has been found impossible to actualize. A change in Chevalier Veralius' ideas and plans in the disposition of the property will doubtless enable us to open a similar institution to that which Miss Hall has instituted in Rome and in Naples, also at Forli. A young lady is at work on trial. At some other points a temporary suspension has been compelled by various circumstances.







Other lines of work, such as meetings among the women, distribution of Bibles and tracts, have all received attention. The seed is being sown beside all waters. Miss Hall, having rented new quarters, is able to gather nine or ten girls into her household, which she proposes shall be a veritable Christian home. No opportunity will be lost by this efficient worker to possess Italy for Christ, to the greatest extent possible.

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## SOUTH AMERICA.

### MISSIONARIES.

MISS JENNIE M. CHAPIN,

MISS LOU E. DENNING,

MISS MARY E. BOWEN.

Our work here is represented in three stations—Rosario, Buenos Ayres, and Montevideo.

In Rosario, with the same working force as for the last four years in numbers, there have been some changes. Mrs. Turney, who had been of most excellent service in the second school, was obliged to leave on account of poor health, but with the growing efficacy of some of the older girls in the Home, this vacancy was supplied. Miss Chapin wrote in the early part of the year: "At the opening of the schools it was very hard for us, for we had not been able to procure suitable help. But the Lord provided for us in our extremity. One of the best of the evangelical school teachers of Montevideo has come to Rosario to live, and teaches in our schools. In the morning she is at No. 2; in the afternoon comes here, as you know we have to teach all kinds of sewing and needle-work in school. With our family, our burdens sometimes nearly overcome us. To cut and prepare work for those in the house, after being in the school-room five hours, is no small tax. But the Lord again remembered us in our time of need, and a German lady, some over fifty, came to our relief. She was formerly in a Government Normal school as teacher, is a nice Christian woman, likes children, takes charge of their clothing, and sees that they do their own work properly. Mr. Drees sent her to us for trial, April 3, and already we feel that a great burden has been lifted from our shoulders. Since that, a lady from Coquimbo, who went out from some place in New England, I think, to self-supporting work, has gone down to Rosario, and has been giving some assistance in the work. She has expressed a strong desire to become connected with our Society, but the required application has not been received." Later, Miss Chapin writes: "We have had a year of hard work, and also of prosperity. Our schools have been full all the time, numbering upward of 200 pupils. Our house is full to overflowing, and we have been obliged to refuse utterly to take either day scholars or boarders for lack of room. The Lord has abun-



dantly blessed us. Those in the Home show signs of growth physically, mentally and spiritually. Our building is large, but not large enough for our work. We must add a second story to the front of the house, and we ask an appropriation for this as soon as we can have it.

We have a very nice happy family of thirty-two members. One of our number, the oldest daughter of the evangelist, who died in Mendoza, of cholera, died very suddenly a few weeks since—the first death that has ever occurred in that family during its entire history. With the accession of Miss Bowen to the corps of workers, we trust that these noble women, who have rendered such invaluable service in that mission, may find their labors less arduous in time to come than they have been in the past. It will be remembered that they have never employed Catholic teachers in these schools at all, cannot do this.”

Mr. Drees writes: “I wish to express my great satisfaction with the work as conducted by Misses Chapin and Denning. In this I but voice the universal estimate held by all who have observed their work. Two such lives as these, devoted with utter unselfishness to the good of others, must be a very sweet savor unto the Master, who came not to be ministered unto, but to minister. The Rosario Home is indeed a home to the children who find protection there. The two day schools, with an enrolment of considerably more than 200 pupils, have been conducted without interruption through the normal school terms of the year. Preaching, and prayer services, and the Sunday-school, have been held in the school-room of the Home. To these ladies is due the praise of having almost alone, as representatives of our church, maintained in Rosario the standard of pure religion during considerable periods in past years.”

*In Buenos Ayres.*—Two schools have been maintained, with an aggregate enrolment of about 120 girls. One of these schools is conducted in the “Five Points” of the mission. It is a genuine “ragged school,” attended by the children of the poor, who live along the river front. It has been under the care of Miss Ocariz, assisted at times by Miss Smith. It is a true mission school. Nearly all the girls are in the Sunday-school, and many, with others of their respective families, are to be found in the other church services. The second school has been located in the western part of the city.

During a part of the year Mrs. Thomson has conducted a mother's meeting, and Mrs. Drees a woman's meeting. Neither of these have been largely attended, yet they have been valued means of grace to little groups of faithful women.” Neighborhood meetings are held in a number of places in the city. Whenever two or three come together in the house of one of their number, the natural recourse is to Bible-reading, prayer, and Christian converse. I attended, two weeks ago, the funeral of an old lady at the age of 77, who had but a few months previously found, light and peace in Jesus, in a little meeting of women. Her children,



grandchildren and great-grandchildren were about her in her last hours. Some of them, still Romanists, begged her to allow a priest to be called. Her answer was the joyful declaration of her assurance of the Saviour's love. What need had she of the priestly *viaticum*? Some of her relatives related to me an instance of divine favor, and a proof of confidence and faith; the fact that a daughter of this old lady died not long since, very suddenly, with God's precious word, from which she had been reading, in her hand.

"While no Bible woman is employed, here or elsewhere in the mission, we have some who are Bible women indeed! A princess in our Israel here, is Chiarelli. She is a wife and mother, but gives much time to visiting in the homes of the poor, and bringing others to the light that shines so clearly in her own heart. She is wonderfully taught of the Lord, and possesses, in a remarkable degree, the gift of being able to speak a word in season to those who are weary, as well as the word of reproof and instruction to those who need it. During a recent provincial fair, she, with one or two other sisters, opened a stall for the sale of Bibles, Testaments, and portions of the Word of God. They were most kindly protected by the President of the local Agricultural Society, and had opportunity to speak the truth to weary hearts."

In Montevideo the school work has been kept up to its former efficiency, with notable increase in attendance and local income.

The schools, fourteen in number, have continued under the direct supervision of Rev. Antonio Guelfi, the brother of Miss Cecilia Guelfi, who founded and developed this school system. This movement is widely extending throughout the city of Montevideo, has attracted much attention, and now much favor for our cause. It benefits the laboring classes without pauperizing them. It sows the seeds of Gospel truth in hundreds of homes.

In the larger number of the school-rooms, Sunday-schools are held, and in many, preaching services and prayer-meetings are established. In view of this fact, a portion of the rent of these places is met by the Parent Board, in addition to its full half of the current expenses of the schools.

One evidence of the public interest awakened by these schools has come in the shape of a donation of a piece of land, destined to become valuable. It is located in a new part of the city, and will afford a site for the building of a chapel or school in the future.

It was proposed that Miss Hyde, upon her arrival, should take the Central school and reorganize it, adding a more advanced grade for training assistants, and availing herself of the primary grades as a "school of application."



Number of schools.....	14
Number of teachers and assistants.....	21
Number of pupils enrolled.....	589
Boys .....	305
Girls .....	284
Whole number enrolled during the year.....	900

## MEXICO.

Work Commenced in 1874.

### MISSIONARIES.

MISS MARY HASTINGS,

MISS S. M. WARNER,  
MISS M. DE F. LOYD,  
MISS E. HEWETT,

MISS N. C. OGDEN,  
MISS H. AYRES,  
MISS N. FIELD.

The first thought that seeks expression when we say Mexico this year, is the wonderful revival in Puebla. Thanksgivings flow from our lips and praise is in our hearts as we record that all the boarders who were in the school at the time, have given evidence of a change of heart, and the influence has extended to many of the day pupils. The way had been prepared among the girls by prayer meetings twice a week, which Miss Ogden had usually directed, and the work of the Holy Spirit was especially manifested during a series of religious services planned by the Rev. L. B. Salmans, of the Theological Seminary, and conducted by Rev. L. C. Smith, of Guanajuato. Miss Warner writes: "The meetings continued from July 10 to 21. We closed our school for the time. The services of Sunday, July 15, were very blessed. At three P. M. a love feast was conducted by our pastor, Rev. L. Loza. He related at length the circumstances of his conversion, and subsequent experience, touching all hearts, and in conclusion invited those who had been under his ministry in Orizaba to unite with him in prayer at the altar. Those invited came, two of our girls and one of Mr. Salmans' students, but there was a general movement forward, and soon a double file filled the space, and prayer was followed by such an outpouring of the Holy Spirit as Mexico had not known before. The congregation was dismissed at about the usual hour, but the majority remained, and prayer, thanksgiving and song continued until near seven o'clock, when it was necessary to retire for refreshment before evening service. We shall never forget our Pentecost nor cease to be thankful for its precious influences."

The school in Puebla has had 16 boarders during the last year, half of whom paid their own expenses. Including the Kindergarten department,



129 scholars have been enrolled; three of the most advanced pupils have given part of their time to teaching. Miss Ogden has taught the English classes and superintended the Kindergarten, which numbered 38 pupils. The expenses of the latter department have been met by the tuition fees, and the proceeds of a sale of articles made by the Missionary Society, which followed an exhibition given by the little ones.

The school at *Pachuca*, under Miss Hastings' faithful care, continues its usefulness, and is demanding enlarged borders to accommodate its increasing members, two hundred.

Owing to unavoidable changes in either circumstances or teachers, the schools in *Orizaba* and *Apizaco* have not been as well attended as formerly, though the religious character of the *Orizaba* work is unaltered.

The number under instruction in *Tetela* has increased to 36, under Miss Hewett's care. For most of the year she has been entirely alone as far as American companionship is concerned, and her Presiding Elder writes that "no more heroic or self-denying work is done by any than Miss Hewett is doing."

The *Orphanage* in *Mexico City* cares for 40 children in the house, and 30 day pupils, and since April has been in charge of Miss Ayres. Miss Loyd was advised by her physician to leave Mexico for a while, to recruit her health, and during her vacation has aided the home societies whenever able. She returns to Mexico early in November.

Two former scholars in the Girls' Orphanage, in Mexico, have now charge of the school in *Miraflores*, which is said to be in splendid condition, and one of the best of its class in the Republic of Mexico. Four of the pupils are assisting in teaching.

The school at *Ayapango* is remarkably successful, and has attracted the favorable attention of the Government. It is attended by 49 girls, and exerts a strong influence in the neighborhood. The Bible woman has distributed Bibles and Tracts in ten different towns and villages, and has met with good success in her visits among the homes.

*Tezontepec* offering a promising field for the opening of a girls' school, one was commenced last spring, with Miss Field in charge. She has 36 scholars, and the outlook is very encouraging.

The new school in the Indian village of *San Vicente* is said to be prospering under the care of a native teacher.

In *Guanajuato* the work is encouraging and the school increasing in the charge of Mrs. Wilson. *Queretaro* continues with about the same number of pupils.

There is much to encourage in the outlook over Mexico at this time; and we ask that all who love the Kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ may join in the prayer that the gracious influences manifested in Puebla may extend to every station in Mexico occupied by Christian effort.

I. I. KEEN.

## REPORT OF HOME WORK.

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Another year of hard, earnest, blessed toil, with its precious experiences of sunshine and shadow, hopes and fears, encouragements and discouragements, smiles and tears, prayers and praises, has been measured on the dial-plate, and as we gather up the threads of this work in the Branch for our Annual Report, we find them numerous and varied. Some short and uneven, with many a place fretted and worn by discouragements, and only saved from breaking by some fresh revelation of love and strength from “Him who giveth power to the forest, and increaseth strength to them who have no might.”

Others, possessed by skilful hands, are smooth and even throughout. But He sees them all, notes their beauty, strength or weakness, and will give each its appropriate place in forming the glorious banner which shall proclaim to all nations on the face of the earth, Jesus is King!

In glancing at the workers, we are compelled to say that this Branch is specially unfortunate in having for its Correspondent Secretary one

who is obliged, by force of circumstances, to confine her work to the desk at home, and while doing all in her power with her pen, to direct, instruct and encourage, the deficiency cannot be fully one through this silent medium.

A noble band of Conference Secretaries, planning and working with patient, loving skill, have faithfully directed the work in their respective fields, and given hope and encouragement to the District Secretaries, most of whom are necessarily absorbed with home duties, unable to go out in person among the auxiliaries to give new courage and inspiration to the "rank and file," or to the churches without any existing organization representing our work.

On the part of some of those who have carried this work in their innermost hearts, and with unwearied hands, by day and night, in summer and winter, the record verily might be—"she hath done what she could."

Elect ladies, not a few, have most faithfully co-operated with these in caring for the many interests of our work in the local societies, and new volunteers have been enrolled in many of these, and some new organizations have been effected.

There is a growing consciousness on the part of many of our most earnest workers that the time is short, and what is done for the present generation of heathen women must be done by their contemporaries, is confronting us with startling power!

The services of our returned Missionaries, always highly appreciated, inspiring to more earnest effort by their experiences, enlightening by their extensive fund of information, encouraging by their untiring willingness to assist us, have never seemed so invaluable as now!

We have sometimes indulged ourselves in repeating the old lyric

"How blessings brighten as they take their flight,"

when facing the fact, that the removal of some of these from our Branch during the year has detracted much from our working force. And we cannot record our gratitude for those God-honored agencies, who have done such grand work throughout the length and breadth of this Branch, Mrs. Baldwin, ever ready to respond to any call for service in city, town, village or hamlet, a tower of strength, an inspiration to Christian women everywhere; and Miss Cushman, too, our own zealous, enthusiastic, stirring, heartfelt toiler, gone out from us to her other home and work, where so much of her heart had been for more than four waiting years, gone to help on the work, each in her sphere and place, where duty calls. Our whispered prayer ascends: Make them more and more efficient for God and good, and then we add our song of thanksgiving that some are left to us, whose labors "abound" according to strength given.

Conference and Camp-meeting Anniversaries have been seasons of unusual interest, and in some instances of special spiritual power. We are coming to feel that these occasions should be made of more import-



ance to all—ministry and membership. We have the hearty support and co-operation of very many pastors, for which we are profoundly grateful. Our hearts long for the day when all who stand as leaders in God's militant host, shall give their heartiest sympathy and support to this agency for helping to set up His Kingdom in the earth.

*District meetings* are in increasing demand, as a means for disseminating missionary intelligence, and adopting the best plans for carrying forward the work. Interchange of opinions properly conducted, gives new courage, stimulates faith, and gives momentum to the work.

The interest among the children is on the increase, broadening and deepening, and the legitimate growth of Mission Bands into full-fledged Auxiliaries, with two cents per week membership fee, is beginning to develop, and we confidently expect this result from all our children's societies. Special attention has been given at some of our camp-meetings to services for the children, to interest them in Missionary work, and they have been very popular and successful. Mite Boxes have been furnished each child who will return them next year, with the pennies they have collected. We mean to train the children that they become a generation of Missionary workers,—doing and giving.

*Mite Boxes* continue to grow in favor with young and old. Speechless but pleading, they are finding a place in families outside our own membership.

*Leaflets* have been sown broadcast, each one a tiny light in itself, whose brightness touches to awaken interest, and whose choice words are the entering wedge to a compassion as wide as this world's wants. Of the thousands of pages sent forth as messengers of light and love, may we not believe that each one may have started a wave of influence for which we shall have reason to sing praises forever? If the present method for distributing them continue, we shall hope for a more thorough system by which churches with no Auxiliary or Band may receive occasional visits from them.

Heathen Woman's Friend, loyal to Missions and Methodism, continues to be a source of information and inspiration to all who read it, and we believe if the list of subscribers could be increased 50 per cent. in our own Branch, the real intelligent zeal for missions would be increased in about that ratio.

*Uniform studies* are receiving more attention, and when these shall become more thoroughly systematised, we predict for them general adoption as a course of study for individuals composing our great organization.

*Boxes* have been sent to several of the stations in India, China and Japan, containing Christmas gifts for the children in the schools, and the contributions to these have given added interest not only to the children, but in many instances to the older members as well.



We have sent out four ladies during the year, Miss Cushman and Miss Hale to North China; Miss Bowen to Rosario, and Miss Danforth to Japan; and Dr. Sheldon will leave for India in November, and receive her appointment from the Conference there.

At our Branch Annual Meeting in 1887, with a confidence born of faith in our Divine Leader and Helper, a large advance was authorized to be appropriated for the coming year.

We commenced the year with quite a balance in hand. With an unusual amount of calls for additional appropriations, some of which must be met, we have carefully and prayerfully counted and watched the monthly receipts of the treasury, and as we found them falling behind the demands that were constantly pressing upon us, we confess to some anxiety. But as the year closes, and all our financial obligations have been met, and a small amount remains in the treasury with which to commence a new year, we reproach ourselves, and wonder at His wonderful forbearance and goodness! What has it cost, these months of hard toil? A little self-denial in those who have given the money, and more still, it may be, in those who have asked for it, many prayers, some tears, but what has it accomplished? Known unto Him whom we love and serve are the results. Ours has been a blessed privilege. We lay our yesterdays with their shortcomings at His feet and press on to the untried to-morrows.

"For the new years come,  
And the old years go,  
As swings Time's pendulum,  
To and fro;—  
But the Kingdom grows."

MRS. M. P. ALDERMAN,

*Cor. Secretary.*

### SUMMARY OF HOME WORK.

Number of Auxiliaries.....	430
"    " Young Ladies' Societies.....	44
"    " Mission Bands.....	110
"    " Members in Auxiliaries.....	10,354
"    "    "    " Young Ladies' Societies..	1,108
"    "    "    " Mission Bands.....	1,954
"    " Life Members,..... (increase 89)	1,190
"    " Honorary Managers..... " 2)	48
"    " Life Patrons..... " 2)	14
"    " P. Elder's Districts.....	23
"    " Conference Secretaries.....	9
"    " District ".....	30

Number of Subscribers to H. W. Friend.....	2,822
“ “ Pages of Leaflets distributed.....	124,000
“ “ Branch Annual Reports.....	1,500
“ “ General “ “ .....	715
“ “ Mite Boxes.....	2,366

## SUMMARY OF FOREIGN WORK.

Number of Missionaries.....(medical 2)	14
“ “ Assistants.....( “ 3)	20
“ “ Bible Women and Teachers.....	94
“ “ Matrons.....	5
“ “ Day, City and Village Schools.....	60
“ “ Boarding Schools & Orphanages (in part).....	7
“ “ Pupils & Scholarships in Boarding Schools.....	124
“ “ Orphans and Orphanages.....	43
“ “ Zenanas visited.....	900
“ “ Women under instruction in them.....	1,200

## TREASURER'S REPORT.

October 1, 1887.	October 1, 1888.
Balance on hand October 1, 1887.....	\$ 3,487 58
Amount received for the year.....	25,101 63
Amount disbursed.....	28,127 63
Balance on hand October 1, 1888.....	462 18

## NEW YORK BRANCH.

This Branch includes New York and New Jersey, with headquarters in New York City.

## OFFICERS.

<i>President</i> .....	MRS. JOS. A. WRIGHT,....452 Lexington Ave., N. Y.
<i>Cor. Secretary</i> .....	“ W. B. SKIDMORE,....230 West 59th St., N. Y.
<i>Rec. Secretary</i> .....	“ J. H. KNOWLES,.....Newark, N. J.
<i>Treasurers</i> .....	{ MRS. J. M. CORNELL,.....141 Centre St., N. Y.
	{ “ H. J. HEYDECKER,....234 W. 48th St., N. Y.

## CONFERENCE SECRETARIES.

<i>Central N. Y. Conf.</i> ..	{ MRS. J. EASTER,.....Marion, N. Y.
	{ “ S. B. ROBINSON,.....Clyde, N. Y.
<i>Erie Conf.</i> .....	MRS. E. A. TARBELL, 126 E. Main St., Titusville, Pa.
<i>Genesee Conf.</i> .....	{ MRS. J. T. GRACEY...202 Eagle St., Buffalo, N. Y.
	{ “ F. G. HIBBARD,.....Clifton Springs, N. Y.
<i>N. Y. Conf.</i> .....	MRS. HANNIBAL ROBINSON,....46th 10th St., N. Y.
<i>N. Y. East Conf.</i> ....	“ A. LOWREY,.....217 Second Ave., N. Y.
<i>Northern N. Y. Conf.</i>	“ GEO. GOODIER,....52 E. Cayuga St., Oswego.
<i>Troy Conference</i> ....	“ JOSEPH HILLMAN,.....Troy, N. Y.
<i>Wyoming Conf.</i> .....	“ D. C. OLMSTEAD, ..Nanticoke, Luzerne Co., Pa.
<i>Newark Conf.</i> .....	“ J. H. KNOWLES,.....Newark, N. J.
<i>New Jersey Conf.</i> ....	“ D. D. LORE,.....Summit, N. J.

We have no new methods or plans of work to report in the N. Y. Branch this year. The financial methods have been the same. The annual and life membership fees, and occasional donations and bequests, have been the sources of income.

We have endeavored to keep the auxiliaries, as far as possible, distinct organizations for work in foreign missions, and to place before the churches, as definitely as possible, the special work for which the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society was organized. At the same time maintaining relations of sympathy toward the other mission agencies of the church.

We are more than thankful for the spirit of love that has animated all our workers, and for the benediction of peace and trust from God that has filled our hearts. The reports from our conference and district secretaries are hopeful and encouraging. The interest among the young people in the churches is growing, and the organizations have largely increased.

We do not report as many new auxiliaries as last year, but much time has been devoted to strengthening those that remain, and we have learned that this is a difficult and important work. The Quarterly Meeting, District Meetings and Camp Meeting Anniversaries have been seasons of profit and influence. The Ocean Grove meeting, under the management of our generous friend, Dr. Stokes, has sent forth no uncertain sound on the subject of foreign missions. The two days given to the Anniversary of the W. F. M. S. were seasons of peculiar interest and blessing to the crowds in attendance, and our treasury was enriched by the large collection. The work in the German Conferences, commenced last year by Miss Dreyer, is very encouraging, and we welcome most heartily the co-operation of our German sisters. We have in our territory 30 German charges, but only one has contributed. The amount contributed last year, \$113, did not reach us in time for our annual report. This year, they have increased their collections to \$205.12, a most favorable report.

During the year we have been privileged to have several returned missionaries in our branch. We are indebted to them for assistance in our public meetings, as well as for increased enthusiasm in many of our auxiliaries, and we believe more intelligent and earnest work will be done by those upon whom they impressed the vivid picture of heathenism from their own hearts.

Miss Sparkes is still with us, and we shall be glad to hear her voice once more before she sails for India. She has been abundant in labors since her return home, and her name is an inspiration in missionary circles. We shall miss her greatly, but India needs her, and we will follow her with prayers from loving hearts. Miss Hampton and Miss Atkinson, after a year at home for needed rest, have returned to Japan. They have made the work more real to us, and our interest in Japanese

girls is greatly increased by the incidents related of life and experience in that mission field which God has so signally blessed. We regret to say that Miss Gheer is still our unwilling guest, her health not permitting her to return to Japan this fall.

During the year we have prepared and sent to the foreign field three young women, Miss Estelle Files, to Rangoon, India; Miss Mary Atkinson, to Japan; Miss Emma Mitchell, to Nanking, China. Miss Le Huray, by her own request, was transferred from Mexico to Buenos Ayres, S. A. How we wish we could have sent double the number to help lift the heavy burdens of those who are sinking under the pressure of labor and responsibility. We have now twenty young women in the foreign field who have responded to our call for help, and have committed themselves and their work to our care. It is a grave responsibility and a blessed privilege. This fact should make us more highly appreciate the only organ of communication many of us can have with these precious women, and should be a great inducement to subscribe to the *Heathen Woman's Friend*. The paper was never more full of interest and information than during the past year, and we really pity the women who have not had the privilege of companionship with this Friend. Not one-fifth of our membership subscribe for the H. W. F., and we sincerely believe this is the cause of loss in so many of the organizations. What shall we do to increase the circulation of the paper, is a question for serious consideration.

The leaflets have not circulated as largely in our Branch the past year. They have been published in great variety, and those for children are especially acceptable. The change in the manner of distribution, from being entirely gratuitous, is no doubt a wise arrangement by the committee, but it will take some time to adjust ourselves to the change. The mite boxes and barrels are to us tokens of growth when called for, and this year we have distributed an additional number of 3,525. We are glad to receive the *History of Medical Work*, by Mrs. J. T. Gracey, and we hope for a wide circulation of its interesting and valuable information.

In our last annual meeting, the favorable reports from all departments of the work, and the urgent appeals from the Foreign Missionaries for increased help, together with the large advance reported by our treasurer, encouraged us in taking additional responsibility, and we pledged the branch for \$50,000 the ensuing year. For this \$10,000 additional, we depended upon the 912 auxiliaries, and the anticipated organizations. To the unceasing labors of the Conference and District Secretaries, together with the auxiliary workers, we are indebted for the measure of success we are able to report. We regret not to have raised the full amount, but we are glad to report a small advance, and by using the balance reported, we have not only met all our appropriations, but have sent increased help to some stations, when requested by Reference Committee. We know in

whom we have believed, and are persuaded that He is able to keep that which we have committed unto Him.

We trust in God, and are not afraid, for His mercy endureth forever.

H. B. SKIDMORE, *Cor. Sec'y.*

### SUMMARY OF HOME WORK.

Auxiliaries, including 121 Mission Bands, an increase of 55 .....	967
Contributing Churches, unorganized.....	145
Annual Members, increase of 1,906 .....	30,156
Life Members, " 95 .....	1,318
Honorary Managers, " 5 .....	89
Life Patrons, " 1 .....	19
Conference Secretaries.....	13
District Secretaries .....	40
Subscribers to H. W. Friend, decrease of 34 .....	3,472
Annual Reports of W. F. M. Society.....	600
" " New York Branch.....	1,500
Mite Barrels distributed.....	3,525

### SUMMARY OF FOREIGN WORK.

Missionaries—two of them Medical.....	20
Zenana Teachers and Assistants .....	16
Bible Women—India.....	38
" " China .....	3
" " Japan.....	2
" " Bulgaria ..	1
" " Italy .....	4
" " Mexico.....	4
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Day-Schools—India.....	30
" China.....	4
" Japan .....	5
" Bulgaria .....	2
" South America.....	2
" Mexico.....	3
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Scholarships—India.....	8
" China.....	11
" Japan.....	44
" Bulgaria .....	6
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Orphans—India.....	110
" Mexico .....	10
" Korea.....	3
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## TREASURER'S REPORT.

Receipts from Conference.....	\$40,149 48
Miscellaneous.....	140 71
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	\$40,290 19
Sent to foreign fields .....	\$45,139 07
Domestic expenses .....	911 84
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	\$46,050 91
Balance, October 1, 1887.....	6,780 22
Receipts for year.....	40,290 19
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	\$47,070 41
Disbursements.....	46,050 91
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Balance, October 1, 1888 .....	\$1,019 50

## PHILADELPHIA BRANCH.

This Branch includes Pennsylvania and Delaware, with headquarters at Philadelphia.

## OFFICERS.

*President*, MRS. MARY SPARKES WHEELER, 2349 E. York St., Philadelphia.  
*Cor. Secretary*, MRS. SARAH L. KEEN, 1209 Arch St., Philadelphia.  
*Rec. Secretary*, MISS E. A. TOWNSEND, 1711 Spruce St., Philadelphia.  
*Treasurer*, MRS. J. S. CHAHOON, 134 S. Fourth St., Philadelphia.

## CONFERENCE SECRETARIES.

<i>Central Penn.</i> ,	MRS. R. HINKLE, Milton, Northumberland Co., Pa.
<i>Erie (fractional)</i>	“ E. A. TARBELL, 126 E. Main St., Titusville, Pa.
<i>Genesee</i> , “	“ T. J. BISSEL, Olean, N. Y.
<i>Central N. Y. (frac.)</i> ,	MISS ISABEL PRATT, Towanda, Bradford Co., Pa.
<i>Philadelphia</i> ,	MRS. S. M. VERNON, 1725 N. Seventh St., Phila., Pa.
<i>Pittsburgh</i> ,	“ E. D. VANKIRK, Forbes Street, Oaklands, Pittsburgh.
<i>Wilmington (fractional)</i> ,	“ E. B. STEVENS, 227 E. Boundary Av., Baltimore.
<i>Wyoming</i> ,	“ “ E. L. OLMSTEAD, Sayre, Pa.

In looking over the records of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, we find that in 1870 Philadelphia Branch contributed \$5.00 to the missionary cause. This, however, was before the territory was formed into a Branch. The first report given by the Treasurer was in 1871, and amounted to \$1,500.00. When, at our recent Branch Annual Meeting, a few weeks



since, we learned that the receipts for the past year had been but very little less than 21,000 dollars, and was more than 4,000 in excess of last year's report, we praised God with full hearts. We cannot but regard this as one of the results of the earnest spirit of consecration to God that characterized our Branch Annual Meeting of 1887. We felt and acknowledged our helplessness, and lifted up our eyes to the hills from whence cometh our help, and our help came from God, who made Heaven and Earth. The past has been a year of marked increase in every department of the work. More missionary candidates have offered themselves, and more young ladies have entered schools and colleges in preparation for life work in foreign lands.

A special effort was made for the Mexican Orphanage building, by means of cards representing one dollar each, in 10 cent donations. The sum brought in through these was \$1,753.19, and a donation of \$1,000 for the same object was given by Mrs. P. L. Bennett, of Wilkes Barre.

The Branch has found very marked success following the appointment of Conference Superintendents of Young Ladies' Bands. Providence led to the selection of ladies of exceptional ability for this department; and the results have far exceeded our expectations, not only in the multiplication of these junior societies, but in the perseverance, enthusiasm, and systematic regularity which has been infused into their work.

We wish it were in our power to bear adequate testimony to the labors of the Conference and District Secretaries in the Philadelphia Branch. Only in the clear light of Heaven will it be manifest what the persistence, self-denial and devotion of the women now engaged in the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, have wrought for other souls as well as their own, how many wavering purposes have been made steadfast, how many lives won from the world and self, how much laid up in God's storehouses, saved from needless self-indulgence, will only be made known when the works of these good women come following after them, through the doors of the Heavenly mansions. We wish we were allowed time to speak of each of our missionaries in foreign fields, of Miss Spencer's wisdom and devotion in Tokyo, Miss Hewett's quiet steadiness in Hakodati, Miss Kyle's faithful labors in Lucknow, Dr. McDowell's cheerful and intelligent ministrations to the sick in Moradabad and Chandausi, Miss Loyd's laborious work in Mexico till health failed, but their works speak for them. Three new missionaries have gone out from our Branch this year, too recently to have yet entered upon their labors. Miss Johnson to the Hospital in Foochow, Miss Pardoe to Tokyo, and Miss McBurnie to India. Could the real personal history of each missionary that is sent forth by this Society be written out, the story of the heart's discipline and the adverse circumstances overcome, a tale of the soul would often be unfolded that would move men and women



## BALTIMORE BRANCH.

This Branch includes Maryland, District of Columbia, and Eastern Virginia, with headquarters at Baltimore.

## OFFICERS.

*President*, MRS. F. A. CROOK, Cor. Madison Av. & Townsend st., Baltimore.

*Cor. Secretary*, MISS I. HART, 612 N. Calvert st., Baltimore.

*Rec. Secretary*, MRS. DR. C. MORGAN, Calverton, Baltimore Co., Md.

*Treasurer*, MRS. M. G. HAMILTON, 661 W. Fayette st., Baltimore.

## CONFERENCE AND DISTRICT SECRETARIES.

*Baltimore Conference.*

*Baltimore District*, MRS. H. C. TUDOR, Waverly, Baltimore Co., Md.

*W. Baltimore* “ “ S. M. HARTSOCK, 1409 W. Lombard st., Baltimore.

*E. Baltimore* “ “ W. M. WINKS, 1738 E. Baltimore st. “

*Washington* “ “ J. McK. REILLY, 3318 O st., Washington, D. C.

*Cumberland* “ “ C W. BALDWIN, 414 S. 10th st., S. W., Washington, D. C.

*Wilmington Conference, (fractional.)*

MRS. E. B. STEVENS, 227 E Boundary Ave., Baltimore, Md.

The review of work may not always be pleasant, but if honest it will be profitable. The record may not flatter our pride, but if rightly read alike by the deficiencies it shows, as by the achievement it marks, it will stimulate to earnestness and endeavor.

So—as we make our review and place our record beside that of Branches geographically so large, in resources so rich, so strong in numbers, in workers, and in aggressive forces, to save ourselves from discouragement, we have ever to bear in mind that the Divine standard of measurement is by motive rather than might—by faithfulness rather than by results. The gauge in the growth of a Branch is probably the increase in auxiliaries, in membership, in the devotion of the members to the Master and the work; in the attendance at and interest in monthly meetings, in the appreciation and circulation of literature, and in financial receipts.

Tested by some of these standards there is reason to rejoice,—by others for regret.

Never did Conference and District Secretaries work more faithfully and zealously, never has the story of a year's work been illustrated by instances of costlier service and sacrifice. With borders so contracted, and so generally occupied, necessarily there could not be much expansion of work. We report but four new auxiliaries, and an increase of membership of 474.

Mite boxes have been more generally distributed and largely used.

Our Easter service was earnest and beautiful, but not as generally observed as was desired. It financially yielded about five hundred dollars.

We especially deplore and deprecate our diminished subscription list to the *H. W. Friend*.

At our large camp-meetings most interesting meetings were held, participated in by Rev. D. Osborne and Miss Thoburn.

A legacy of five hundred dollars, left us last year, was realized this. Another for the same amount seems to us to have special sacredness and value, as the gift and memorial of one who had offered herself a loving sacrifice to the work, but to whom the summons came, "It is enough, come up higher." Another smaller gift came from a devoted young woman, called to the service of the upper sanctuary.

Miss Gallimore left early in the year for India, and has been doing faithful work, with Phebe Rowe, in Gonda District. Miss Layton remains at home on health leave. We rejoice in Miss Fisher's complete recovery, and heartily endorse her immediate return to Foochow. Miss Everding is still earnest and successful in her work in Nagasaki.

Marked success has attended the work of Miss Grace Stephens in Madras, and of Mrs. Whitby in Pauri. But our earnest prayer is, that of our own, the Lord would send forth more laborers into His vineyard.

In view of the fields yet to be occupied and the work yet to be done, we would hear anew the Divine mandate "Only be thou strong and very courageous." We would claim anew the Divine promise, "The Lord my God is with thee whithersoever thou goest," and we want in honesty and humility, yet in faith, to respond, "All that thou commandest us we will do, and whithersoever Thou sendest us we will go."

For our full equipment for this work we realize our need of a richer realization of the power of the Gospel in our own souls, a warmer gratitude for its influence over our lives, a more thorough identification with the Divine thought and purpose and plan to save the race, a truer loyalty to the Divine command, a stronger faith in the Divine promise, an entire consecration to the Divine will.

ISABEL HART, *Cor. Sec'y.*

#### SUMMARY OF HOME WORK.

Auxiliaries.....	145
Young Ladies' Societies.....	17
Children's Societies.....	14
Members, Aggregate.....	5,814
Increase.....	474
Life Members.....	182
Increase.....	5
Subscribers to <i>Heathen Woman's Friend</i> .....	704

## SUMMARY OF FOREIGN WORK.

Missionaries .....	4
Assistants or Teachers.....	8
Bible Women.....	12
Medical Students.....	4
Orphans .....	67
Day Schools.....	15

## TREASURER'S REPORT.

Balance in hand October 6, 1887.....	\$3,857 62
Receipts .....	9,515 54
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Total .....	\$13,373 16
Disbursements.....	\$ 8,969 73
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Balance in Treasury October 5, 1888.....	\$ 4,403 43

## CINCINNATI BRANCH.

This Branch includes Ohio, West Virginia, Kentucky, and Tennessee, with headquarters at Cincinnati.

## OFFICERS.

<i>President</i> .....	MRS. BISHOP CLARK, Glenway Ave., Clifton, Cin., Ohio.
<i>Rec. Secretary</i> .....	MRS. C. W. BARNES, Winton Place, Cincinnati, Ohio.
<i>Cor. Secretary</i> .....	MRS. B. R. COWEN, 7 Crescent Place, Cin., Ohio.
<i>Treasurer</i> .....	MRS. WM. B. DAVIS, Glenway Ave., Clifton, Cin., Ohio.

## CONFERENCE SECRETARIES.

<i>Cincinnati Conf.</i> ,	MRS. J. F. LOYD.....	Germantown, Ohio.
<i>Ohio</i> " "	J. H. CREIGHTON.....	Lithopolis, "
<i>Central Ohio</i> " "	A. S. CLASON.....	Delaware, "
<i>North Ohio</i> " "	H. BENTON.....	272 Sibley st., Cleveland, "
<i>East Ohio</i> " "	E. HINGELEY.....	Salem, "
<i>West Virginia</i> " "	F. HEERMANS.....	Kingwood, W. Va.
<i>Kentucky</i> " "	G. E. SAVAGE.....	Covington, Ky.
<i>Holston</i> " "	A. C. KNIGHT.....	Athens, Tenn.
<i>Central German Conf.</i> ,	MISS CLARA BAUR. ....	56 Milton St., Cincinnati.

Year after year, when recounting the blessings of the year, its trials and its triumphs, the summing up has been, "Surely, this is the best year the Cincinnati Branch has ever known," and yet another time the history is repeated. Never having large bequests, yet each year records a healthy

increase in collections; not very large, but always on the upward grade. Many reasons for thankfulness rise as the year just closed is reviewed.

The fact that in the unprecedented distractions of all kinds that have followed one another in quick succession, and which have covered our whole Branch territory, there have still been enough faithful ones found who, like Nehemiah, "continued to build," and so the year closes with no "breaches in the walls," and with all pledges met, both as regards money and new missionaries. The willing co-operation of every officer, in all the work undertaken, is most gratefully acknowledged, and "Behold how these sisters love one another," may truthfully be said of the Cincinnati Branch.

Missionary interest has grown with many into missionary zeal, and increasing spirituality is reported in auxiliary meetings and district conventions. There is still a gratifying increase in the work among the young people and young ladies' societies; and Children's Bands flourish, bringing new life and vigor into many churches that never before were interested in missionary work. When the young hearts are enlisted, the parents cannot stand aloof. More than one-fifth of our collections come from this source, and the happy result of this interest is found in supplying a safeguard against the world. When hearts and hands are filled with work for the Master, Satan loses his power in a great measure. And with this growing interest there is an increasing number inquiring of the Lord, "What wilt thou have me do?" while others, with a fixed purpose, say, "Here am I; send me." In each district Conventions have been held, and the meetings have been productive of much good. At each Conference in the Branch, except one, an anniversary was held, and special meetings at the different camp-meetings. General Executive Reports and Branch Annuals have been distributed, and Leaflets scattered with a liberal hand. In this connection the statement must be made that the subscription-list to the Heathen Woman's Friend has fallen off somewhat. This should not be; and it is hoped the regret so keenly felt for this may bring forth fruit in a largely added number.

Thank-offering day was particularly blessed this year. It was more generally observed than ever before. The programme was excellent, and there was a gratifying increase in the money given. The meetings held for that purpose all over the Branch were reported to be blessed in their spiritual uplifting. The thirteen missionaries supported by the Branch in India, Mexico, Japan, Korea, and China, have put in another year of toil and seed-sowing; most of them have reaped as well—some in blessed abundance.

To their number was added, early in March, Miss Ketrang, who reached Peking, enabling Miss Sears to leave in July, for much needed rest, after eight years' continuous service. In September, Misses Bonafield, Allen and Bing sailed for Foochow, Tokyo, and Nagasaki, respectively; later,



Miss Mansell left for Calcutta, and Miss Sullivan and Dr. Ernsberger are ready to follow. We thank God for the privilege of sending out so many to work in His vineyard, and give this as the crowning blessing of the year. Seven more to work and pray for; and with these we count Misses Maxey and Blair, who go out to do deaconess work in Calcutta. It is hoped that Miss Russell will be able soon to lay down her heavy burdens and come home, before she breaks down. Nine years without an intermission! but how can she leave until some one is "sent?" The annual meeting held in Toledo, Ohio, October 10 and 11, was an unusually good one. The programme was varied and interesting, and the whole meeting was deeply spiritual, and all left with a renewed consecration to this woman's work for woman. Some vacant places in our midst, and the lengthening shadows of others who began this work in the strength and vigor of their best working days, admonishes all that there is no time for useless regrets or for loitering by the way. For the coming years—the last of the second decade of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society—the Cincinnati Branch stands pledged to work with redoubled energy. Relying on the strong arm that never fails the humble, and will supplement our weak efforts with Almighty strength, we go forward, joyful to be used in His service, co-workers *with* God, and praying that each may be able to say at the last, "I have finished the work Thou hast given me to do;" and then:

"May each from her Lord receive the glad word:

'Well and faithfully done.

Enter into My joy, and sit down on My throne.'"

MRS. E. T. COWEN, *Cor. Sec'y.*

#### HOME SUMMARY.

Conference Secretaries .....	8
District " .....	44
Auxiliaries (20 new ones) .....	710
Members .....	12,000
Young Ladies' Societies (8 new ones).....	94
Members.....	2,530
Bands (13 new ones) .....	115
Members.....	2,040
Life members (213 new ones).....	1,513
Life Managers (6 new ones).....	98
Life Patrons (1 new one).....	9
Subscribers to <i>Heathen Woman's Friend</i> .....	2,315
Subscribers to <i>German Friend</i> .....	139
Mite Chests and Jugs .....	6,000
Receipts .....	\$29,449 96

## FOREIGN SUMMARY.

Missionaries (1 medical) .....	21
East India Teachers.....	3
Mexican " .....	6
Bible Women .....	68
Orphans .....	36
Scholarships.....	113
Day Schools .....	36

2 Boarding-schools, and part support of six others; 604 zenanas regularly visited, besides Evangelistic work at melas, and in villages and mohullas.

## TREASURER'S REPORT.

Receipts from Oct., '87 to Oct., '88.....	\$29,457 94
Balance. '87.....	4,591 56
Total.....	\$34,049 50
Expenditures.....	29,800 66
Balance, October, '88.....	\$4,248 84

## NORTHWESTERN BRANCH

Includes Illinois, Indiana, Wisconsin and Michigan, with headquarters at 114 Dearborn Avenue, Chicago.

## OFFICERS.

<i>President</i> ,.....	MRS. ISAAC R. HITT.....	Evanston, Ill.
<i>Cor. Secretary</i> ....	" E. A. B. HOAG.....	Albion, Mich.
<i>Rec. Secretary</i> ....	" L. A. CALDER.....	Chicago, Ill.
<i>Treasurer</i> .....	" F. P. CRANDON.....	Evanston, Ill.

## CONFERENCE SECRETARIES.

<i>Rock River, Ill</i> ....	MRS. LEWIS MEREDITH.....	Chicago, Ill.
<i>Central Illinois</i> ....	" JOSEPH C. REED.....	Abingdon, "
<i>Illinois</i> .....	" H. REED.....	Bloomington, "
<i>S. Illinois</i> .....	" E. A. HYPES.....	Lebanon, "
<i>Indiana</i> .....	" EMILY KELLEY.....	Indianapolis, Ind.
<i>N. Indiana</i> .....	" C. G. HUDSON.....	Anderson, "
<i>N. W. Indiana</i> ....	" A. C. MCKINSEY.....	Delphi, "
<i>S. E. Indiana</i> ....	" KATE L. HAYNES.....	Indianapolis, "
<i>Detroit</i> .....	" F. D. YORK.....	Williamston, Mich.
<i>Michigan</i> .....	" H. E. TAYLOR.....	East Springport, "
<i>Wisconsin</i> .....	" E. M. WILSON.....	Appleton, Wis.
<i>West Wisconsin</i> ...	" L. A. LAWSON.....	Baraboo, "

## GERMAN AND SWISS WORK.

MISS M. DREYER, Turner, Kan.

We close a year of unusual financial strain, and of strange providences, with gratitude for the many tokens of increased devotion to this cause among the rank and file in our Auxiliaries.

Never have we held so large or enthusiastic an Annual meeting, the representatives from Auxiliaries being 370. With two exceptions, there is advance in every conference on nearly all lines. The spirituality and contributions have marked gains in many quarters. The Conference and District meetings, and the Conference Anniversaries have attracted unusual attention, and gained in interest. The records are carefully printed and the statistics are reliable. We have a gain in members, Auxiliaries, Bands, Mite Box contributions, receipts from auxiliaries, and in totals.

We have had 111 new Auxiliaries and Bands organized, making a net gain of 53 Auxiliaries, and 66 Bands, and a gain of 10 Young Ladies' Auxiliaries, indicates some stir on this important line. The total of auxiliaries is 1,017, with a membership of 22,104, exclusive of band members, a gain of 486.

We have received a donation of \$1,000 for the Bombay Home, and \$3,000 for the Deaconess Training School in Muttra from Mr. Blackstone, a memorial of his mother, also two bequests of \$200 each. We have raised \$732.99 for the Zenana Paper fund, and are more joyful over its completion than words can express. Our Branch contingent fund is fairly inaugurated. We have had four medical students under our care and shall have five this year. We have purchased two perpetual scholarships in the Chicago Medical College, at a cost of \$2,000.

The number of photographs purchased is 770 cabinets and 18 cards. Twenty-five hundred Branch Annual and 1,150 General Annual Reports have been issued, with 5,600 new Mite Boxes, the contents received being \$2,457.51, a gain of \$303.86.

We have 4,621 subscribers to the Heathen Woman's Friend, (a gain of 44,) and 492 to the German Heathen Woman's Friend in the bounds of our Branch, in Germany and Switzerland. Mrs. Fish continues to send out 19,000 copies of her Lesson Leaves monthly, beside the Children's Leaf which has been issued to the close of the year.

The Branch Committee on Literature has sent out 182 packages of printed matter and 500 copied letters, and has now put on sale a book in paper covers, price 40c., entitled, "Bright bits for Readings in Missionary Societies." It is a gem in its way, just as its title indicates, and we bespeak for it a wide sale. Our Thank offering services have never been so universally held or so interesting. Bombay was the theme and is to be the recipient of \$5,000. The receipts were \$6,766.12, an increase of \$2,249.99 over last year. This is an invaluable auxiliary to the success

of our Branch work, it is a connectional tie that is becoming both sweet and mighty. It is a historic fact of great significance. One thousand circulars were printed for it, and 9,636 pages of free leaflets for use on its programme. We have a fine and varied supply of Leaflet Literature on sale at headquarters, all well catalogued.

We have 309 new Life Members, 17 new Honorary Man. and one Honorary patron. Including Miss Perrine, who was accepted at last General Executive meeting, we have six accepted missionary candidates. Of these Miss Minnie J. Hyde has gone to Montevideo, and Miss Sarah Peters to Chin Kiang. Miss Florence M. Perrine's field has been changed to Lucknow, whither she goes from here; also Miss Mary E. Carroll, to Bombay. Miss Anna E. Steere, a trained nurse, and Miss Bertha Fowler await appointment, and Miss Mattie Taylor is to remain in the Training School this year.

None of our missionaries has returned save Dr. Kate Corey, who reached home not a day too soon to save her precious life. Her perils and condition alarm us, but we pray that her life may not be a sacrifice at this time.

Misses De Line, Howe, Schenck and Fincham have all been ill, and Dr. Gloss and Miss Robinson suffer a diminution of vigor. All our ladies have pushed their work with great earnestness and devotion, compelling success. The ladies who superintend the school work which we support in the various fields, report commendable advancement, both intellectual and spiritual, on the part of our wards. Satisfactory communications have passed between every one of these and the Secretary.

The work of our Branch Treasurer has become so onerous that we have introduced the plan of Conference Treasurers, and an able list of these has been elected. The work in the Switzerland Conference is growing rapidly, and they aspire to the support of missions among the Catholic population of this republic as soon as practicable, also the work among homeless girls. Their remittance to our Treasurer was \$202.41. The Swiss ministers gave heartiest endorsement and pledges of co-operation. The work among the German, Norwegian and Danish population moves slowly, but not discouragingly. A marked gain in the German contributions shows real interest and activity. Miss Dreyer's field is so large as to prevent close supervision and anything like general visitation. We have not reached the maximum of our desires in any respect, but notably in finances. We have met all our appropriations by very prudent management. Having compassed the claim of the Zenana paper fund, we are to address ourselves at once to the extinction of our debt, expecting to be free from all embarrassment by January 1st. With exceptionally well officered Conferences and Districts, with an intelligent, consecrated, responsive constituency, we look into the new year full of hope, yet fully conscious that unless the Lord be with us to give wisdom, to lay plans, to

guide in their execution, and to crown them with success, *all* will be worse than vain. Never before was there such an universal sense of individual responsibility in all departments. This, coupled with the general increase of intelligence, forms the most hopeful sign. With faith in our members, and in the competency and fidelity of our officers,—and with firm reliance on God we expect a year of victories.

MRS. E. A. B. HOAG, *Cor. Secretary.*

#### SUMMARY OF HOME WORK.

Number of Auxiliaries.....	1,017
“ “ Young Ladies' Societies.....	72
“ “ Mission Bands, (increase 66).....	131
“ “ Members in Auxiliaries.....	22,104
“ “ Young Ladies' “.....	1,500
“ “ Mission Bands.....	2,782
“ “ Life Members, (increase 309).....	
“ “ Honorary Managers, (increase 17).....	
“ “ Honorary Patrons, (increase 1).....	
“ “ P. E's Districts.....	74
“ “ Conference Secretaries.....	12
“ “ District Secretaries.....	69
“ “ Subscribers to Heathen Woman's Friend.....	4,634
“ “ Pages of Leaflets distributed free.....	90,000
“ “ Branch Annual Reports.....	2,500
“ “ General Annual Reports.....	1,150
“ “ Mite Boxes Added.....	5,600

#### SUMMARY OF FOREIGN WORK.

Number of Missionaries.....(medical 3)	17
“ “ Assistants.....	20
“ “ Bible Women and Teachers.....	20
“ “ Matrons.....	1
“ “ Day, City and Village Schools.....	39
“ “ Boarding Schools and Orphanages.....	25
Pupils in Boarding Schools.....	163
“ “ Orphanages.....	21

#### TREASURER'S REPORT.

Balance on hand October 1st, 1887.....	\$ 665 74
Amount received during year.....	45,516 77
Amount disbursed during year.....	42,615 47
Balance on hand October 1st, 1888.....	\$2,901 30

## DES MOINES BRANCH

Includes the States of Iowa and Missouri.

<i>President</i> .....	MRS. C. C. MABEE.....	Des Moines, Iowa.
<i>Cor. Secretary</i> ....	" M. S. HUSTON.....	Burlington, "
<i>Rec. Secretary</i> ....	" L. B. JAMES.....	Des Moines, "
<i>Treasurer</i> .....	" E. K. STANLEY.....	" "

## CONFERENCE SECRETARIES.

<i>Iowa Conference</i> ...	MRS. M. B. POWER.....	Keokuk, Iowa.
<i>Des Moines</i> " ....	MISS L. PEARSON.....	Des Moines, "
<i>N. W. Iowa</i> " ....	MRS. A. G. CARTER.....	Battle Creek, "
<i>Upper Iowa</i> " ....	" F. F. EARHART.....	Hopkinton, "
<i>St Louis</i> " ....	" T. H. HAGERTY.....	St. Louis, Missouri.
<i>Missouri</i> " ....	" A. H. PROCTOR.....	Cameron, "
<i>Central Mo.</i> " ....	" MISS M. HARRISON.....	
<i>German</i> " ....	" M. DREYER.....	Turner, Kansas.
<i>Supt. Central Mo.</i> ,	MISS JENNIE BECK.	

With songs of rejoicing we come to our annual gathering, to record a year of great mercies. We have raised our entire appropriation. Instead of the one missionary we were to furnish, the Lord has given us four, and more than four thousand new members daily bow with us in prayer before the God we love. Ninety bands of children have been organized; the Conference and Camp-meeting anniversaries, and the district Conventions, have been marked by a higher intellectual and deeper spiritual significance than ever before. Mrs. Mary Porter Gamewell has given most valuable assistance to the Secretaries of three of the Iowa Conferences, and Miss Clara Cushman did her last home-work in the two Missouri Conferences. A new Conference has been added to our Branch through the persevering efforts of Miss Jennie Beck, her brilliant campaign in Central Missouri Conference gave us more than a thousand new members. Miss Dreyer did one month's work during the year, and, as usual with her, the results were valuable. Every word from the foreign field has been encouraging. Our missionaries have been preserved in health, and have prosecuted their work with vigor and enthusiasm. Miss Lawson has had the zenana work and day-schools in Bareilly, India, and enjoys this new field of labor as much as she did the orphanage work last year. In her last letter she says, "I do not believe they could give me any work here for the Master that I would not enjoy," and then she entreats us to pray that her lips may be touched with a coal from God's altar, so that in zenana and school she may tell with power the story of salvation. Miss Vance, from the new home in Aoyama, writes of the



sustaining power of Divine grace in the case of one of their girls, who graduated this year and had gone out on evangelistic work, and met with severe persecution. She adds, "These girls would die for their religion." She gives the account of their dilemma at Conference, where two new schools were to be opened, and there were no teachers for them, and that the Misses Wilson, from Chattanooga, gave up a year's travel in Europe and offered their services for a year, and they were thankfully accepted. Miss Vance says, this affair taught us one thing: "That, in some way or other, the Lord will provide."

While the Holy Spirit has done great things for us at home and abroad, one great sorrow has come to us. All the secretaries, and many of the members of this committee, knew our beloved President, Dr. M. W. Porter. On the 8th of September she fell asleep. The memorial service held at our late annual meeting, fittingly testified to her worth, and devotion to every interest that advanced the Lord's Kingdom in the earth. And though bereaved and sorrowful, our tears are mingled with praises, that one so ripe for the bliss of Heaven should be released from the sorrows and burdens of earth.

Dr. Osborne, of India, Mrs. L. Craver, of Mexico, and Mrs. Mary Porter Gamewell, of China, gave us valuable addresses at our recent annual meeting, which, for a full attendance and thrilling interest, was one of the best we have ever held. We have planned an advance of three thousand dollars in our appropriations for the new year. But no Branch was ever blessed with more faithful and self-sacrificing Conference secretaries, and the heaviest work comes on them,—so we say with confidence, "We will do this, the Lord being our Helper."

MRS. M. S. HUSTON, *Cor. Sec'y.*

#### FOREIGN SUMMARY.

Number of Missionaries .....	2
Number of Assistants.....	3
Bible-women and Teachers.....	8
Matrons.....	2
Day, City, and Village Schools.....	3
Orphanages and Boarding-schools.....	12
Pupils in Day and City Schools .....	5
Scholarships in Boarding-schools .....	32
Orphans in Orphanages.....	45
Zenanas visited .....	200

## HOME SUMMARY.

Number of Auxiliaries.....	401
Number of Young Ladies' Societies .....	51
Mission Bands.....	118
Members in Auxiliaries.....	8,122
"    Young Ladies' Societies .....	981
"    Mission Bands.....	1,426
Life members.....	876
Increase .....	103
Honorary Managers .....	34
Increase .....	9
Presiding Elders' Districts .....	32
Conference Secretaries .....	7
District Secretaries .....	27
Subscribers to Heathen Woman's Friend .....	1,505
Pages leaflets distributed .....	20,000
Branch Reports .....	1,500
General Annual Reports .....	500
New Mite Boxes .....	1,035

## TREASURER'S REPORT.

Balance on hand Oct. 1st, 1887.....	\$3,163 30
Amount received during year, to Oct. 1st, '88....	13,002 22
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Total.....	\$16,165 52
Disbursed during year.....	\$11,042 71
Balance on hand .....	5,122 81

## MINNEAPOLIS BRANCH

Includes Minnesota, Dakota, Montana, Idaho, Washington Territory, and Oregon.

## OFFICERS.

<i>President</i> .....	MRS. EMILY HUNTINGTON MILLER.....	St. Paul, Minn.
<i>Cor. Secretary</i> .	" MARY C. NIND, 122 Highland ave., Minneapolis,	"
<i>Rec. Secretary</i> .	" J. M. HEARD, 1125 Nicollet ave.,	" "
<i>Treasurer</i> .....	" WARDWELL COUCH.....	" "

## CONFERENCE SECRETARIES.

<i>Minnesota</i> .....	MRS. C. S. WINCHELL, State St., E. Minneapolis, Minn.
<i>Dakota</i> .....	" I. M. HARTSOUGH.....Sioux Falls, Dak.
<i>N. Dakota</i> .....	" .....
<i>Montana</i> .....	" J. F. MILLS, .....Bozeman, Montana.
<i>Idaho</i> .....	" ELLEN WAKEFIELD.....Union, Oregon.
<i>Columbia River</i> ...	" ANNA M. SIMPSON.....The Dalles, "
<i>Oregon</i> .....	" M. C. WIRE.....Salem, "
" .....	" M. C. WILSON, Assistant.....Eugene City, Ore.
<i>Puget Sound</i> .....	" N. S. HANSON.....Portland, Ore.
" .....	" H. D. BROWN, Assistant.....Olympia, W. T.
<i>Agent of Supplies</i> ..	" F. P. ATKINS, 288 William Street, St. Paul, Minn.

With becoming modesty, the Minneapolis Branch, not quite five years old, presents its report, conscious of a striking contrast to the older and richer Branches.

The Eastern Branches are the mothers, we three Western Branches, the dear little children, of which Minneapolis is the youngest and weakest.

The lives and health of all the officers of the Branch have been preserved, not a discordant note has broken the harmony of the spheres, the interest among the young has been increased. Our quarterly meetings have been full in numbers and interest, though one was held in January, when the thermometer registered 36° below zero, another in July, when it marked 102° above, and that in the shade, extreme cold or heat failing to chill or melt the zeal of devoted women. Our last Annual meeting was the best, the devotional spirit fervent, the papers read scholarly, practical, pious; the Young Ladies' Hour, in which were represented Young Ladies' Societies and Mission Bands, presided over by one of their number with graceful dignity, will long linger in our memory. The bright sweet, happy faces, beaming upon us from the platform, made our own more bright, and filled our hearts with gladness for the present, and with glorious hope for the future.

The songs, the essays, the reports, matter and manner were all inspiring, more and more are we impressed with the great importance of gathering in and placing in line, these young soldiers of the cross, to do battle under "the Captain of our Salvation."

We were favored at our Annual meeting and in our Minnesota Conference anniversary with the presence and earnest words of Miss Franc Baker. Evening congregations listened with marked attention to her addresses.

Miss Thoburn and Bishop Taylor each made us a short visit; were warmly welcomed and highly appreciated. So few missionaries come among us we know how to value them. The great advance in our Branch this year has been on the North Pacific Coast.

The Young Ladies' Society of Salem, Oregon, inspired by a letter written by Miss Hedrick, and guided in their thought by Sister Harrington, decided to assume the support of a girl in the Calcutta Girls' School. Mrs. Wire, the Conference Secretary, wrote to me concerning it. We had no share in this work, and wrote at once to Mrs. Cowen, who, with characteristic promptness and generosity, yielded one of her scholarships, which was at once adopted by the young ladies, and named Elizabeth Thurston Odell, so, "Forty girls in Christian Oregon are educating and christianizing one heathen girl in India, and one heathen girl in India is elevating, purifying, refining and fitting for spheres of Christian usefulness forty girls in Oregon." But the work did not stop here. In January, 1888, Mrs. Wire published in the Pacific Christian Advocate a letter from the Principal of the Calcutta Girls' School, adding, it was written with much prayer, and many hearts were moved.

"Brother Abraham, of East Portland, was led to offer five hundred dollars, on condition that another five hundred be raised, to establish a fund, the interest of which would constantly support a girl in the Calcutta Girl's School. Other hearts were touched—other offerings, large and small, made—but I saw that if the \$500 was to be raised, other means must be used. I must have Miss Hedrick's letter, and one from myself in Leaflet form." The Leaflets were printed. She sent out the 1,000 circulars, wrote cards and 127 letters, and the money is raised and in the treasury. Puget Sound and Columbia River Conference have lent their aid. We call on you all in the language of the Psalmist: "O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together." We have during the year received the bequest of Mrs. Clear, of St. Paul, \$3,000. We regret that Mrs. Harrison's has not been utilized for the Industrial Home in Japan, no superintendent having been found.

MARY C. NIND, *Cor. Sec.*

#### SUMMARY OF HOME WORK.

Auxiliaries.....	142
Young Ladies' Societies.....	7
Mission Bands.....	17
Members in Auxiliaries.....	3,253
"    Young Ladies' Societies.....	140
"    Mission Bands.....	346

Life members.....	296
Honorary Managers.....	34
Life Patrons.....	10
Conference Secretaries.....	9
Subscribers to Heathen Woman's Friend.....	651
Leaflets distributed—pages .....	132,000
Branch Annual Reports.....	500
General Annual Reports .....	200
Mite Boxes and Barrels.....	315

## SUMMARY OF FOREIGN WORK.

Number of Missionaries.....	3
“ Assistants .....	9
Bible Women and Teachers.....	13
Matrons .....	2
Day, City, and Village Schools.....	7
Boarding-schools and Orphanages—in part... ..	11
Pupils in Day, City, and Village Schools, about.....	100
Pupils and Scholarships in Boarding-schools.....	42
Orphans in Orphanages.....	29

## TREASURER'S REPORT.

Balance on hand October 1st, 1887.....	\$3,646 20
Amount raised during the year.....	8,143 20
Interest on deposits.....	68 75
Interest on bequests.....	323 19
Bequest of Mrs. Clears.....	3,000 00
Received from N. Y. for Tokyo Home--Industrial,	141 79
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	\$15,323 13
Disbursements.....	7,522 26
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	\$7,800 87

Balance in Bank October 1st, 1888, including Mrs. Harrison's bequest for Industrial Home in Japan, and One Thousand for Calcutta En- dowment Fund from Oregon.....	\$12,800 87
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## TOPEKA BRANCH.

This Branch includes Kansas, Nebraska, Colorado, Wyoming Territory, and California, with headquarters in Topeka, Kansas.

## OFFICERS.

<i>President</i> .....	MRS. E. F. NINDE,.....	Topeka, Kan.
<i>Cor. Secretary</i> .....	MISS MATILDA WATSON.....	Bellwood, Neb.
<i>Rec. Secretary</i> .....	MRS. M. M. TORRINGTON.....	Topeka, Kan.
<i>Treasurer</i> .....	“ M. J. SHELLEY.....	Wymore, Neb.

## CONFERENCE SECRETARIES.

<i>Kansas Conference</i> .....	MRS. M. COE.....	Burlingame, Kan.
<i>S. Kansas</i> “ .....	“ KATE M. RHOADES.....	Garnett, “
<i>S.W. Kansas</i> “ .....	“ A. V. LOOSE.....	Peabody, “
<i>N.W. Kansas</i> “ .....	“ F. D. BAKER.....	Concordia, “
<i>Nebraska</i> “ .....	MISS ELLA M. WATSON.....	Bellwood, Neb.
<i>N. Nebraska</i> “ .....	MRS. T. C. CLENDENING.....	{ 1502 S. 33rd St., Omaha, Neb.
<i>W. Nebraska</i> “ .....	“ E. D. BENEDICT.....	Kearney, Neb.
<i>Colorado</i> “ .....	“ HARRIS.....	Denver, Col.
<i>W. German</i> “ .....	MISS M. DREYER.....	Turner, Kan.

The work of the Topeka Branch during the past year has been characterized by earnest, persistent effort. The Conference and District Secretaries have been especially faithful in their work, and the result is seen in a safe and steady advance.

The inspiration given to our work, by the meeting of the General Executive Committee, within our bounds, has been a source of blessing all the year. This occasion was so marked by the Divine presence, in the devotional business and public meetings, that all hearts were made better, by enjoying its privileges.

This year has been one of unusual prosperity. There have been trials and discouragements to encounter, and some have passed through the “Valley of Baca,” but through it all the blessed Christ has been with us, and led us gently on, and, notwithstanding the “hard times,” has enabled us to meet all our obligations. To Him be all the glory.

We have in our territory 13 Conferences, six of these are largely mission ground. In these are included 43 Districts, 32 of which are organized into Missionary Associations, and 29 Conventions, and 14 Conference and Camp-meeting Anniversaries have been held, by which much interest and zeal have been created.



There have been organized during the year 60 Auxiliaries, 8 Young Ladies' Societies, and 14 Juvenile Societies, making in all 82 new societies.

We are greatly indebted to Miss Clara Cushman of China, and Miss Franc Baker of Michigan, for faithful and efficient service rendered during the year. Miss Cushman attended our four Kansas Conferences in March, speaking at the Anniversaries, and visiting and addressing other places en route. She created much enthusiasm wherever she went, and her visit remains as a precious memory to all who shared its benefits.

Miss Baker spent eight months among us, in Nebraska, Colorado, and Kansas, in labors abundant and arduous, adding largely to our membership, and organizing 56 Auxiliaries and 14 Juvenile Societies. We commend to you this handmaiden of the Lord.

We have not sent any one to the foreign field during the year, yet a young lady has offered herself, Miss Louisa Imhof, of Lincoln, Nebraska, who has been accepted, and expects, early in the coming year, to go to Tokyo, Japan, to take charge of the Industrial department of the Memorial Home, to be established in that city. We rejoice to say that God is calling others, who are yet preparing for their chosen life work.

We have in use 700 Mite Chests, about half of which have been added during the year.

About 3000 pages of Leaflets have been distributed, and yet the call has been for many more.

We rejoice that our subscription list to the Heathen Woman's Friend shows a good increase, our present list being 1,520. This is larger than it has ever been before, but it ought to be doubled. The plan of uniform study, given in "The Friend," has been quite generally followed, and the unavoidable result has been increased information and intelligence on all missionary lines.

We are glad to note a growing intelligence among our workers, from the juvenile up to the senior societies, and a steadiness of zeal and interest, which augurs much of good for our future. There is also a growing exactness and system in the methods of work and business which is very cheering. This child of Providence, now closing her fifth year, gives good promise of a strong and vigorous maturity. May God ever guide us in all our ways, and give us a prosperity which shall be neither superficial nor spasmodic. We support *three* missionaries in the foreign field; Miss Blackmar in Lucknow, Miss Fuller in Seetapore, India, and Miss Watson in Tokyo, Japan.

This is of necessity a meagre outline of the year's work. As we feel compelled by change of location, so far removed from the headquarters, to lay down the work of the Branch, we do so with a feeling of regret and loss, for it has so absorbed time, thought and energy, that it seems to have become a part of our very life. Pray, dear sisters, that God's grace may be sufficient, and His hand ever lead and govern.

MRS. H. E. M. PATTEE, *Cor. Sec'y.*

## SUMMARY OF HOME WORK.

Auxiliaries.....	259, increase	44
Members.....	5,975,	“ 252
Young Ladies' and Juvenile Societies....	97,	“ 50
Members “ “ “ “ ....	2,240,	“ 513
Life Members.....	549,	“ 74
Honorary Managers.....	21,	“ 5
Life Patrons.....	1	
Conference Secretaries.....	10	
District Secretaries.....	36	
Sub's to Heathen Woman's Friend.....	1,520,	“ 457
“ “ German “ “ .....	253,	“ 66
Pages Leaflets distributed.....	3,000	
Branch Annual Reports.....	1,000	
General Annual Reports.....	500	
Mite Boxes Added.....	350	

## SUMMARY OF FOREIGN WORK.

No. of Missionaries.....	3
“ “ Assistants.....	3
Bible Women and Teachers.....	21
Matrons.....	3
Day and Village Schools.....	10
Boarding Schools and Orphanages, in part....	19
Pupils in Day, City and Village Schools.....	260
Pupils and Scholarships in Boarding Schools..	85
Orphans in Orphanages.....	32

## TREASURER'S REPORT.

Receipts.....	\$10,763.31
Balance on hand Oct. 1st, 1887.....	2,280.06
Total.....	\$13,043.37
Disbursements.....	\$8,177.59
Balance on hand.....	\$4,865.78

## REPORT OF GERMAN WORK.

### GERMAN WORK ORGANIZED 1883.

The tabulated statistics, at the close of this Report, give the figures which represent our German work, but the prayers, tears and labor that are underlying these, are known only to Him who knoweth all things.

Far be it from us to boast of work so well done that it could not have been bettered, or of success that could not have been exceeded; neither is it all we wished, but certainly all that we could reasonably expect with only one person in the work, who, of necessity, must do only parts of it everywhere.

The donations from the Chicago, Germany and Switzerland Conferences are received by the Northwestern Branch, but the gifts of the other six are divided and sub-divided among the entire nine Branches. This makes it a work of "bits," yet these bits are bright as the tiny parts of a mosaic, and may we not hope that they are even more enduring, as these gifts of gold, silver and copper are arranged and cemented by prayer, love, sympathy, and very often with the sacrifice of that which, to many others, belongs to the simplest necessity of life; yet it is given with joy,—thus producing a mosaic which promises to endure in eternity as well as in time.

In Germany and Switzerland, for which missions have done so much, and they in turn have done so nobly in nearly every clime—the citadel of thought and reason, which Satan is so anxious to conquer by all forces that he can throw into the field,—a land which is in dire need of even more of the object lessons of that Christian ministry which carries the gospel, in its purity, to all the people, and where the poverty in general is such as we see only exceptionally; even here, the sisters of our two Conferences have not only heard the call of God and the heathen sisters, but have not grown weary in well-doing, and this year send up a most gratifying increase of contributions for this cause.

In the seven Conferences in the United States that aid in this work, we also see a marked increase in intelligent interest; and not only that, but also in all the lines of work, from the number of auxiliaries and subscribers to the German Heathen Woman's Friend, to the increase in receipts. One cause, and not an unimportant one, has been the letters of Miss L. C. Rothweiler, our German sister in Korea: and as her first year

has closed, we thank God for her health and strength preserved, and for success given in the acquisition of the language. We are also very grateful that the German sisters of Cincinnati Branch succeeded to contribute her salary. It would have been a sore trial to us all had we been compelled to let our first German missionary be supported by the society at large.

The fact that the "Heiden-Frauen-Freund" pays but little more than one-half its expense to the society is a humiliation; and yet its circulation is good when compared to the number of German members of the society, it being about 50 per cent. It is an invaluable aid in the work, as are also the Leaflets; wherefore we do most humbly request their continuance.

We have not reported things that are unknown to you, being as yet neither an independent nor subordinate Branch,—merely parts of all,—for which reason we love you all for the fostering care which you have given us, and ask for a continuance of the same until such time as we may take our place in the constellation of sisters, who sparkle for very joy that they may help show unto the heathen sisters the Light of the World, which is Jesus.

MARGARETHA DREYER, *Sec. German Work.*

Turner, Wyandotte Co., Kansas.

## REPORT OF HEIDEN FRAUEN FREUND,

FROM OCT. 1, 1887, TO OCT. 1, 1888.

### *Receipts.*

To Cash received from subscriptions.....	\$455 90	
Deficit paid by Heathen Woman's Friend.....	309 12	
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### *Expenditures.*

By Cash paid for Printing.....	\$653 04	
" " Postage and Mailing.....	60 48	
" " Translation.....	51 50	
		<hr/> \$765 02

PAULINE J. WALDEN, *Agent.*

## REPORT OF GERMAN WORK.

Conferences.		Auxiliaries.	Members.	Life Members.	Mite Boxes.	Contributions, 1887.	Contributions, 1888.	Increase.	Decrease.	Heiden-Frauen Freund.
Eastern .....	14	356	....	52	225.00	372.12	147.12	....	....	....
Central.....	25	627	....	254	656.42	809.40	152.98	....	....	....
Chicago .....	8	175	....	15	195.27	244.35	49.08	....	....	....
Northern .....	23	540	11	52	666.11	653.36	....	12.7	....	....
N. Western .....	7	195	....	12	183.80	198.85	15.05	....	....	....
St. Louis.....	11	384	....	25	354.05	341.10	....	13.95	....	....
Western .....	34	784	17	235	583.55	794.92	211.37	....	....	....
U. S. Total .....	122	3061	28	645	2864.20	3414.10	549.90	....	....	....
Germany .....	35	487	....	....	66.28	134.97	59.74	....	....	....
Swiss .....	15	488	....	....	75.23	137.38	71.10	....	....	....
Grand Total .....	172	4036	23	645	3005.71	3686.45	680.74	....	....	1776
Increase.....	21	440	9	181	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	116

## REPORT OF HEATHEN WOMAN'S FRIEND

FROM OCT. 1, 1887, TO OCT. 1, 1888.

*Receipts.*

To Cash on hand.....		\$1,640 00
“ Received from Subscriptions.....	\$9,658 46	
“ “ “ Helps and Books.....	526 68	
“ “ “ Photographs.....	9 02	
“ “ “ Advertising.....	12 00	
“ “ “ Interest.....	487 08	
“ “ “ Zenana paper interest.....	1,310 62	
“ “ “ Gospel in All Lands.....	70 99	
“ “ “ Waste paper.....	1 86	
	—————	\$12,076 71
“ “ “ Heiden Frauen Freund.....	455 90	
“ “ “ Literature.....	174 92	
“ “ “ Printing “ Women in Christianity,”		
“ “ “ Donation from Mrs. E. Sleeper Davis..	100 00	
	—————	\$14,447 53

*Expenditures.*

By Cash paid for Printing.....	\$5,233 11	
“ “ Postage and Mailing.....	741 00	
“ “ Engravings.....	252 51	
“ “ Editor's Salary and Incidentals...	722 69	
“ “ Agent's “ “.....	732 33	
“ “ Office Expenses.....	421 74	
	—————	\$8,103 38
“ “ Helps and Books.....	294 93	
“ “ Miscellaneous Postage.....	55 90	
	—————	350 83
“ “ Gospel in All Lands.....		70 91
“ “ Incidentals.....	56 24	
“ “ Insurance.....	15 00	
	—————	71 24
“ “ Photographs.....		32 50
“ “ Heiden Frauen Freund.....	765 02	
“ “ Literature expenses.....	1,922 86	
	—————	\$2,687 88



Advanced by order of General Executive  
Committee, as follows:—

By Cash	General Conference Reports.....	20 20	
"	Zenana paper.....	1,258 00	
"	Life Membership Certificates.....	100 00	
"	Printing "Women in Christianity".....	100 00	
"	Expenses of Chairman of Leaflet Com- mittee to Lincoln, Nebraska.....	83 00	
"	Expenses of Missionaries to Lincoln, Nebraska.....	203 24	
"	Expenses of Mrs. Nind to London.....	125 00	
	Deficit on Leaflets of last year.....	148 88	
			----- \$2,038 32
"	Investment .....	500 00	
By Cash on hand.....		592 47	
			----- \$14,447 53

PAULINE J. WALDEN, *Agent*.

Boston, Oct. 1, 1888.

Examined and found correct.

A. S. WEED, *Auditor*.

## REPORT OF LITERATURE COMMITTEE.

At the meeting of the General Executive Committee, held in Lincoln, in 1887, the publishing interests of the Society were fully discussed, and such had been the development that it became expedient to make some changes for enlarging the work. Accordingly a committee was appointed to whom was referred the publication of all matter connected with the Society, such as Leaflets, General Annual Report, Uniform Readings, Lesson Leaves, and all necessary helps, excepting the *Heathen Woman's Friend* and German paper. This Committee has closed its first year's work, which has been somewhat experimental. The lessons in the *Friend*, with a service for children, with appropriate Leaflets for each month's lessons, a Children's Leaflet (quarterly), with Hand Book for Children's Bands, and various miscellaneous matter, has been furnished. A supplement to "Woman's Medical Work in Foreign Lands" has also been issued, of about fifty pages, bringing the work of the Society down to the present time.

Some modification in the distribution of Leaflets was made. For nine years these helps had been distributed gratuitously, but a modification of this plan seemed necessary, and a nominal charge was made for all over four pages; all under four pages were, as usual, gratuitous. Some German Leaflets were also issued. There have been issued during the year, 473,-230 Leaflets, or 1,946,240 pages. Of these there were thirty-six varieties, twenty-three that were new, while thirteen were reprints. Of these about 890,000 pages were free.

At the session of the Committee in Cincinnati, some changes were made in the plan of distribution, of which notification will be given.

All the literature issued by the Society will be sent out from the office of the Heathen Woman's Friend, No. 36 Bromfield Street, Boston, Mass.

MRS. J. T. GRACEY,	} <i>Committee on Literature.</i>
MISS I. HART,	
MISS P. J. WALDEN,	
MRS. W. F. WARREN,	

## REPORT OF LITERATURE COMMITTEE

FROM OCT. 1, 1887, TO OCT. 1, 1888.

### Receipts.

To cash drawn from funds of Heathen Woman's	
Friend, per order Gen. Ex. Com.,.....	\$1,720 94
" " " " Leaflets,.....	165 25
" " " " Reports,.....	9 67
" " " " Medical Work,.....	27 00
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	\$1,922 86

### Expenditures.

By cash paid for printing Leaflets.....	675 90
" " " " " Medical work.....	116 98
" " " " " Annual Reports... ..	461 00
" " " " " German Leaflets... ..	21 00
" " " " " postage and express.....	71 82
" " " " " office expenses.....	64 67
" " " " " Chairman's salary.....	400 00
" " " " " periodicals. ....	4 16
" " " " " postage and stationery	49 33
" " " " " travelling expenses of commit-	
tee to Boston.....	58 00
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\$1,922 86

PAULINE J. WALDEN, *Treas.*

## REPORT OF ZENANA PAPER.

Five years have elapsed since the General Executive Committee of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society arranged for the establishment of a Christian illustrated paper for the women of India. This paper was named the *Woman's Friend*. It is published in Hindi and Urdu, in Northern India, at Lucknow, under the editorial management of Mrs. B. H. Badley. It is published in the Tamil at Madras, edited by Mrs. Rudisill, and in the Bengali at Calcutta by Mrs. Meik. It is issued fortnightly, and contains editorials on the leading topics of the day, especially pertaining to the condition and needs of women. A picture of some noted building, place or person, with a full description, is in each number; also pictures of birds and animals, a continued story of the life of Christ, with an illustration for each number, columns of correspondence, for children, for medical notes, gems of thought, news, notes, and Christian hymns, fill up its pages. Last year there were five thousand copies issued, and the report states that the subscription list has nearly doubled. Missionaries of other denominations, and natives, speak very highly of the paper and its influence for good in the homes. An effort was made to raise an endowment fund of twenty-five thousand dollars to meet the expenses of publishing this paper, and at the close of the fifth year this has been accomplished. The various Branches have contributed the following amounts, viz.:

New England Branch	.....	\$2,925 00
New York	“ .....	2,833 73
Philadelphia	“ .....	4,078 00
Baltimore	“ .....	2,343 66
Cincinnati	“ .....	2,740 00
North Western	“ .....	3,297 43
Des Moines	“ .....	709 83
Minneapolis	“ .....	550 00
Topeka	“ .....	522 35
A lady friend in Boston	.....	5,000 00
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		\$25,000 00

The Society is to be congratulated upon the completion of this work.

Paid for publishing Zenana paper in India—

From Oct. 1st, 1883, to Oct. 1st, 1884	.....	\$1,200 00
“ “ 1884, “ “ 1885	.....	1,200 00
“ “ 1885, “ “ 1886	.....	1,000 00
“ “ 1886, “ “ 1887	.....	1,075 00
“ “ 1887, “ “ 1888	.....	1,258 00
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		\$5,733 00

## Received Interest on Endowment Fund—

From Oct. 1st, 1884, to Oct. 1st, 1885 .....	\$424 50
“ “ 1885, “ “ 1886 .....	1,028 54
“ “ 1886, “ “ 1887 .....	1,245 40
“ “ 1887, “ “ 1888 .....	1,310 62
“ “ 1888, to Oct. 15th, 1888 .....	105 50
“ surplus funds of Heathen Woman's Friend	1,617 44
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	\$5,733 00

Interest received on Zenana Paper Fund from Oct.  
1st, 1887, to Oct. 1st, 1888 —

New England Branch.....	\$168 45
From the "Conditional".....	225 00
New York, Philadelphia, Cincinnati, and North- western (Union).....	664 82
New York (separately).....	27 67
North-western (separately).....	40 16
Baltimore.....	140 32
Des Moines.....	50 00
Minneapolis.....	42 00
Topeka.....	52 20
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	\$1,410 62

## REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PUBLICATION.

(1) WHEREAS, An intelligent interest in foreign missionary work is based upon conviction, and conviction is based upon knowledge, and, therefore, a careful reading of the HEATHEN WOMAN'S FRIEND in all our societies is essential to the success of our work; and,

WHEREAS, by judicious management, the surplus funds of the HEATHEN WOMAN'S FRIEND have furnished means for printing leaflets, reports, and other adjuncts of our work; therefore,

*Resolved*, That we urge upon conference and district secretaries the great importance of keeping before the public these considerations in reference to the paper, and also urge upon the officers of auxiliary societies a personal responsibility in securing for it a constantly increasing circulation.

(2) *Resolved*, That we cordially recommend the continuance of Mrs. Wm. F. Warren as Editor of the *HEATHEN WOMAN'S FRIEND*, with a salary of \$700 per year, and a sufficient sum to cover incidental expenses.

(3) *Resolved*, That after carefully investigating Miss P. J. Walden's financial report of the *HEATHEN WOMAN'S FRIEND*, and finding it correct, we heartily approve her methods, and recommend her continuance as agent, with a salary of \$700 per year, and the same provision as heretofore for incidental expenses.

(4) *Resolved*, That we acknowledge the kindness of Mr. A. S. Weed in auditing the accounts of the *HEATHEN WOMAN'S FRIEND*, and we ask a continuance of his valuable services.

(5) *Resolved*, That as the *HEIDEN FRAUEN FREUND* has proved a valuable aid in Miss Dreyer's successful work among the German churches, we recommend the continuance of that paper, under the editorial management of Mrs. Wm. F. Warren; also, that the expense beyond receipts from subscriptions be met by the surplus funds of the *HEATHEN WOMAN'S FRIEND*, and that Miss P. J. Walden continue as agent.

(6) *Resolved*, That we recommend that a note be placed permanently at the head of the Home Department in the *HEATHEN WOMAN'S FRIEND*, limiting the space given to obituary notices to fifty words for each notice.

(7) *Resolved*, That we approve the report of the Literature Committee, and we nominate the following persons to serve on that committee during the coming year,—Mrs. J. T. Gracey, Miss I. Hart, Miss P. J. Walden, Mrs. Wm. F. Warren.

(8) *Resolved*, That in the judgment of this committee the free circulation of leaflets, especially in districts remote from the centres of books and other helps, is conducive of much good; we therefore recommend that a liberal supply be furnished for *gratuitous distribution*; we further recommend that each Conference Secretary shall devise such means as will best suit her locality for placing in the auxiliaries the larger leaflets not gratuitous.

(9) That we recommend that leaflets be sent by the Literature Committee direct to the Conference Secretaries (except in cases where Branches have special agents for that purpose,) and that Conference Secretaries are hereby requested to arrange for their distribution by appointing one or more persons in each district whose duty it shall be to supply auxiliaries with leaflets in a regular and systematic way.

(10) That we highly approve the leaflets for young people and children, especially the Hints and Helps for organizing and conducting juvenile societies, and we recommend their increase, both in number and variety; and we further recommend that the illustrated leaflet for children be issued quarterly, as heretofore.

(11) *Resolved*, That we recommend the publication of missionary maps especially adapted to the study of our own mission fields.

(12) *Resolved*, That we recommend the continuation of Uniform Studies in the HEATHEN WOMAN'S FRIEND, and we request the Literature Committee to publish the topics for the year in the January number of the FRIEND.

(13) *Resolved*, That we gratefully acknowledge the service rendered by the Literature Committee, and we confidently leave in their hands this important department of the Society, assured that they will wisely make such change and advancement in our publications as may be found practicable.

(14) *Resolved*, That this Committee be empowered to draw on the surplus funds of the HEATHEN WOMAN'S FRIEND for all necessary expenses in prosecuting their work, said amount not to exceed \$2,000; but, should any increased expenditure be deemed necessary, this committee shall seek authority therefor from the Constitutional Publication Committee.

(15) *Resolved*, That we recommend the formation of missionary loan libraries; and we also recommend that an effort be made to place missionary books in every Sunday-school library.

WHEREAS, The publication of the Secretary's report of the General Executive Committee, in leaflet form, is a great help in disseminating missionary intelligence, therefore,

(16) *Resolved*, That the Literature Committee be requested to publish an early edition in this form.

MRS. J. H. KNOWLES, *Chairman*.

MRS. J. R. MILLS, *Secretary*.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MISSIONARY CANDIDATES.

1. The testimonials of Miss Augusta Dickerson, presented by the Philadelphia Branch, are entirely satisfactory, and we take pleasure in recommending her for work in the foreign field.

2. The testimonials of Miss R. Ella Forbes, presented by the North-Western Branch, are approved, and we recommend her acceptance.

3. The papers of Miss Frances O. Wilson, presented by the Des Moines Branch, have received careful consideration, and we recommend her acceptance.

4. The credentials of Miss Anna Margaret Rodgers, submitted by the Philadelphia Branch, are found to be of a high order, and we recommend her for missionary service.

5. The papers of Miss Theda A. Parker, offered by the New York Branch, prove satisfactory, and we recommend her for foreign work.

6. *Resolved*, That we consider favorably the application of Miss Frances E. Phelps, presented by the Des Moines Branch, and if, at the ex-



piration of the time that she intends to spend in the Chicago Training School she presents a satisfactory medical certificate, we recommend that her papers be put in the hands of the Committee of Reference for appointment to some mission.

7. Miss Martha E. Day, presented by the Des Moines Branch, submits satisfactory testimonials, and we recommend her acceptance.

8. *Resolved*, That the testimonials of Miss Anna Belle Long (of missionary lineage), presented by the Cincinnati Branch, are found satisfactory in every respect; and with the hope that she may carry out her intention of spending a year at the Training School in Chicago, we recommend her to the Executive Committee for missionary service.

9. The papers of Miss Mary Bell Griffiths, presented by the Des Moines Branch, meet all requirements, and we take pleasure in recommending her acceptance.

10. Miss Elsie Wood (daughter of missionary parents), presented by the New England Branch, submits testimonials of a high order as to scholarly attainments and Christian character, and which are otherwise satisfactory. We therefore recommend her for the foreign field.

11. *Resolved*, That the application of Miss Fannie Scott, presented by the Cincinnati Branch, has been considered, through testimonials and personal interview; and, finding her qualified for the work upon which she desires to enter, she is recommended as deaconess, under direction of Bishop Thoburn.

12. Miss Rue Sellers, Cincinnati Branch, presents testimonials which have been approved by the Committee, and she is recommended for acceptance and appointment to service.

13. WHEREAS, The Chicago Training School is proving a great blessing in giving to candidates for missionary work Bible instruction, some knowledge of medicine, and an opportunity for some experience in missionary work; therefore,

*Resolved*, That we heartily recommend the Chicago Training School, and hope for the establishment of similar schools at other points.

14. WHEREAS, Quite a length of time must be spent by our missionaries in acquiring the language of a country, and becoming familiar with the customs and prejudices of a people before they can attain to the highest usefulness; and, while we recognize the fact that thoroughly educated women are needed in zenana work, as well as in school work,—we recommend that during the first year our missionaries receive two-thirds of the maximum salary, and give three hours a day to such work as may be assigned them by the lady in charge. That if they pass the first year's course of study, and in the judgment of the mission are prepared to take charge of work, they may be so appointed with full salary; otherwise, the position and salary of the first year to be continued until appointed as full missionaries by the conference mission.

Exceptions to these rules to be made in the case of medical missionaries, and in case of ladies of experience going to special work.

15. *Resolved*, That No. 6, Requirements of Missionary Candidates, be changed to read as follows: The age of a candidate must not be less than twenty-five years. A thorough intellectual training, with a facility in acquiring languages, and a remarkable ability for Christian work, may be considered as a sufficient reason for deviation from this rule.

16. *Resolved*, That we request the Finance Committee of the several missions to estimate for the incidental expenses of our missionaries in service therein, and that these estimates be presented for consideration of the General Executive Committee at their next session.

17. *Resolved*, That the form of Health Certificate shall be printed upon a page equal in size to a page of medium size commercial note, leaving more convenient space for answers to the questions.

MRS. E. B. STEVENS, *Chairman*.

MRS. F. A. ROBINSON, *Secretary*.

#### REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

1. WHEREAS, The ladies of the North India Conference ask permission to sell part of the property not now needed for the school work at Naini Tal, and also request an arrangement for carrying the debt incurred in its purchase; therefore,

*Resolved*, That we authorize Miss Easton to borrow \$10,000 in India to pay the balance due on the school building in Naini Tal,—the W. F. M. S. to pay the interest annually, the profits of the school and sale of the property to be used in removing the debt.

2. WHEREAS, The North India Conference ask that special permission be granted Miss Thoburn to raise funds for the Woman's College in Lucknow; therefore,

*Resolved*, That Miss Thoburn be granted leave to organize new young ladies' societies, whose funds may be applied to this purpose, and to secure special gifts from those who give without withholding from other interests,—the money to be paid through the regular channels to the Society treasury.

3. *Resolved*, That the Topeka Branch be authorized to receive money raised in Texas for the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.

4. *Resolved*, That we request the Committee publishing General Annual Report to arrange for the printing and circulation of these reports before the 1st of January. We further request that the names and full addresses of the foreign treasurers be published in the Annual Report.

5. *Resolved*, That we respectfully request Mr. Lemuel Skidmore, of New York, to act as counsel for the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society in inquiring into the titles and obtaining the deeds to the property held by the Society in foreign lands.

6. *Resolved*, That, owing to information recently received from Mexico in reference to the health of Miss Field, the New England Branch be empowered to bring her home at as early a date as possible.

7. *Resolved*, That we receive with thanks the proposition of Mrs. L. A. Hagans for opening kindergarten work in Italy at her own expense, and hope she will prosecute it in accordance with her own views.

8. **WHEREAS**, A proposition looking to the union of the two Societies has been received by the W. F. M. S. from the Woman's Missionary Society of the Pacific Coast; therefore,

*Resolved*, That this matter be referred to the Committee of Reference for consultation with the Parent Board, to whom the work at present belongs and to whom money raised by this Society is paid.

9. *Resolved*, That we loan to the Foochow Mission, for the purchase of the school property, the funds now lying in bank from the indemnity fund belonging to the West China Mission.

10. **WHEREAS**, The situation in West China is not yet sufficiently settled for it to be entirely satisfactory to resume work; therefore,

*Resolved*, That we do not recommence in West China this year.

11. *Resolved*, That Mrs. Skidmore be empowered to send power of attorney to Miss Cushman to make a legal settlement of property in North China.

12. *Resolved*, That the indorsement of the Finance Committee be given to the purchase of the lot secured by Miss Cushman, and the deficit on said purchase is pledged by the New England Branch if further help is necessary.

13. *Resolved*, That the Corresponding Secretary of the Cincinnati Branch be requested to make arrangements in Cincinnati for the printing of at least fifty copies of the appropriations of the W. F. M. S. for 1888-89, to be issued within one week after the close of the meeting,—the expense to be met from the surplus funds of the **HEATHEN WOMAN'S FRIEND**.

14. *Resolved*, That the Corresponding Secretary of the Cincinnati Branch be requested to mail one of these copies of appropriations immediately to each treasurer in the foreign field, also a copy to each home secretary and treasurer.

15. **WHEREAS**, The 22d of March, 1889, completes the first twenty years of the W. F. M. Society's existence; therefore,

*Resolved*, That we hold special thank-offering services throughout our borders on or near that day, to commemorate the wonderful guidance and prosperity God has bestowed upon us; and whereas school work for girls originated in Foochow, China, in 1849, just two score years

ago, and has been perpetuated there by our Society since its inception, and whereas the need of enlarged quarters is pressing, and an opportunity presents itself to secure desirable premises; therefore,

*Resolved*, That such a portion of the thank-offerings gathered on that day as is needed to buy this property be thus applied, each Branch meeting its appropriate share, and using the balance as it deems best.\*

16. *Resolved*, That the Literature Committee provide a suitable circular for the day.

MRS. H. B. SKIDMORE, *Chairman*.

MRS. E. T. COWEN, *Secretary*.

\*After this was passed, the General Executive Committee voted to make the Lucknow Woman's College also an object for gifts on thank-offering day.



## APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1888-89.

## BY BRANCHES.

## NEW ENGLAND BRANCH.

*North India.*

<i>Bijnour</i> , Ten girls in boarding school.....	\$110 00
City schools and Bible-readers .....	167 00
Mrs. Matthews .....	180 00
Munshi .....	20 00
Conveyance .....	67 00
District work .....	294 00
Itinerating .....	25 00
Assistant's furniture.....	25 00
<i>Najibabad</i> , Bible-women and schools .....	192 00
<i>Mandaur</i> , Bible-women and schools .....	120 00
<i>Moradabad</i> , Boarding school, sixty girls.....	600 00
Salary of Miss Daugherty..	200 00
Matron .....	80 00
Repairs .....	67 00
Medical students in Agra...	120 00
City schools.....	267 00
School inspectress.....	32 00
Conveyance .....	84 00
Bible readers.....	140 00
Repairs.....	34 00
Itinerating .....	17 00
<i>Bareilly</i> , Orphanage .....	250 00
Salary of Dr. Christianity. .	650 00
Medical work.....	473 00
<i>Agra</i> , Salary of M. J. Seymour	240 00
Assistance .....	52 00
<i>Roy Bareilly</i> , Assistant.....	180 00
Bible readers and schools...	284 00
Conveyance .....	67 00
<i>Amroha District</i> .....	1,384 00
Medical lady, Dr. Sheldon..	1,500 00
Total for North India.....	\$7,921 00

*South India.*

<i>Mudras</i> , Assistant.....	\$216 00
Pundit and conveyance.....	125 00
<i>Calcutta</i> , Two scholarships...	168 00
Girls' school.....	500 00
Total for South India.....	\$1,009 00

*Bulgaria.*

Three scholarships.....	\$120 00
Matron .....	60 00
Total .....	\$180 00

*Italy.*

<i>Venice</i> , Bible women.....	\$240 00
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*Korea.*

One-half salary of Mrs. Scranton .....	\$375 00
One-half salary of personal teacher .....	55 00
Current repairs and painting	150 00

Five scholarships .....	250 00
Native teachers .....	60 00
Freight and duties .....	125 00
Hospital fuel.....	150 00

Total for Korea..... \$1,165 00

*North China.*

<i>Peking</i> , Salary of Miss Green.	\$600 00
Incidentals, Miss Green.....	150 00
Salary of Miss Cushman.....	600 00
Incidentals, Miss Cushman...	150 00
Personal teacher of Miss Green .....	50 00
Personal teacher of Miss Cushman .....	60 00
Boarding school expenses..	600 00
Matron .....	50 00
Chinese day school.....	75 00
Travelling expenses.....	50 00
<i>Tientsin</i> , Dispensary assistant	50 00
Matron .....	50 00
Watchman .....	50 00
Coolies .....	120 00
<i>Tsun Hua</i> , Salary of Dr. Terry	600 00
Incidentals .....	150 00
Personal teacher.....	100 00
Salary of Miss Hale.....	600 00
Incidentals.....	150 00
Personal teacher.....	100 00
Hospital and traveling expenses.....	300 00
Day school .....	75 00
Dispensary assistants.....	50 00
Hospital wards and operating rooms .....	300 00
Furnishing the above ...	200 00
Total for North China.....	\$5,280 00

*Foochow.*

Salary of Miss Hartford....	600 00
Incidentals .....	150 00
Personal teachers.....	72 00
Two Yeng Ping schools....	100 00
Scholarships .....	50 00
<i>Nanking</i> , Boarding school....	200 00

Total Foochow and Nanking..... \$1,172 00

Total for China..... \$6,452 00

*Japan.*

<i>Tokyo</i> , Five scholarships.....	\$200 00
Native teachers.....	162 00
<i>Aoyama</i> , Two scholarships....	80 00
<i>Hakodati</i> , Six scholarships....	240 00
Native teachers.....	200 00
<i>Nagoya</i> , Salary of Miss Danforth.....	600 00
Incidentals.....	150 00
Personal teacher.....	75 00
Rent.....	120 00
School teachers .....	150 00
Expenses to conference....	20 00

<i>Yokohama</i> , New lady.....	1,000 00
Bible women in training school.....	280 00
Furocho day school.....	350 00
Repairs on home.....	600 00
Insurance and taxes.....	130 00
Two Japanese assistants.....	225 00
Expenses to conference.....	30 00
<i>Nagasaki</i> , Six scholarships....	240 00
Total for Japan.....	\$4,852 00

*South America.*

<i>Rosario</i> , Salary of Miss Chapin.....	600 00
Incidentals.....	150 00
Salary of Miss Bowen.....	600 00
Incidentals.....	150 00
Assistants.....	300 00
Scholarships.....	400 00
Taxes and other incidentals.....	200 00
<i>Buenos Ayres</i> , Rent.....	200 00
<i>Montevideo</i> , Schools.....	300 00
Total for South America..	\$2,900 00

*Mexico.*

<i>Mexico City</i> , Three scholarships.....	\$210 00
School supplies.....	200 00
Bible woman and supplies..	160 00
<i>Pachuca</i> , Bringing home Miss Field.....	350 00
Salary of assistant.....	600 00
Two scholarships.....	140 00
<i>Puebla</i> , Three scholarships....	195 00
School assistants.....	480 00
<i>Tezontepec</i> , Native Teacher and supplies.....	350 00
On Mexico Home.....	500 00
Total for Mexico.....	\$2,985 00
Contingent.....	\$1,296 00
<i>Rosario Home</i> .....	1,000 00
Total for Branch.....	\$30,000 00

## NEW YORK BRANCH.

*North India.*

<i>Pithoragarh</i> , Salary of Miss Budden.....	\$650 00
Salary of Miss Tresham....	240 00
Salary of Ellen Hayes.....	40 00
Farm expenses.....	140 00
Munshi.....	20 00
Scholarships.....	179 00
Native doctor, \$20; conveyance, \$20.....	40 00
Repairs, \$67; medicines, \$40	107 00
Village work.....	140 00
<i>Moradabad</i> , Salary of Miss Downey.....	650 00
Mohulla and village work...	34 00
Girls' school.....	50 00
<i>Bareilly</i> , Salary of Miss F. J. Sparkes.....	650 00
Salary of Miss F. M. English	650 00
Orphanage.....	1,000 00
Second assistant.....	240 00

Bible women.....	240 00
Conveyance.....	134 00
Christian woman's school...	67 00
Itinerating.....	10 00
City schools.....	267 00
School visitor.....	32 00
Fatheganj.....	167 00
Aonla.....	120 00
Philibhit.....	134 00
Faridpur.....	34 00
Bisalpur.....	20 00
Baheri.....	20 00
<i>Shahjehanpore</i> , Khara Bajhera	60 00
Widow's Home.....	100 00
<i>Budaon</i> , Bible readers.....	167 00
Kakraula.....	60 00
Bisouli.....	67 00
Bilsi.....	75 00
<i>Lucknow</i> , Bible readers.....	150 00
Conveyance.....	85 00
College class teachers.....	200 00
<i>Gonda</i> , village schools.....	100 00
Itinerating.....	34 00
Tents.....	100 00
Ellenpur.....	32 00
Tharo work.....	120 00
Bahraich.....	280 00
Hardui.....	214 00
<i>Cawnpore</i> , Medical work.....	336 00
Unao.....	280 00
Allahabad.....	167 00

Total for North India..... \$8,712 00

*South India.*

<i>Bombay</i> , Salary of Miss Wright	\$288 00
Scholarships.....	150 00
Conveyance.....	100 00
Munshi.....	25 00
<i>Madras</i> , Salary of Miss Hughes	650 00
Munshi.....	75 00
Conveyance.....	100 00
House rent.....	400 00
Expenses of Orphanage....	100 00
Orphans.....	150 00
Matron.....	100 00
Two village schools.....	100 00
Two Bible women.....	120 00
<i>Calcutta</i> , Miss Maxey, traveling expenses.....	500 00
Woman's work.....	100 00
Orphans.....	504 00
Pakur orphans.....	200 00

\$3,562 00

Building..... 1,000 00

Total for South India..... \$4,562 00

*China.—North China.*

<i>Peking</i> , Five scholarships....	\$150 00
One Bible woman.....	100 00
School coolie.....	50 00
<i>Tientsin</i> , Salary of Mrs. Jewell	600 00
Incidentals.....	150 00
Three day schools.....	225 00
Two Bible women.....	100 00
<i>Tsun Hua</i> , Bible woman.....	50 00
Coolie.....	50 00

Total..... \$1,475 00



<i>Chinkiang</i> , Salary of Dr. Hoag	600 00
Incidentals	150 00
Boarding school	375 00
Day school	50 00
Foundlings	75 00
Watchman	45 00
Taxes	25 00
House repairs	75 00
Dispensary hospital	350 00
<i>Kiukiang</i> , Books and stationery	50 00
Orphans	75 00

Total ..... \$1,870 00

<i>Foochow</i> , Salary of Miss Carlton, M. D.	600 00
Incidentals	150 00
Hospital Watchman	40 00
Sanitarium	400 00
Teacher and interpreter	120 00
Building	1,000 00

Total ..... \$2,310 00

<i>Nanking</i> , Salary of Miss Mitchell	600 00
Incidentals	150 00
Books and teacher	100 00
Gateman	40 00
Boarding and day school	200 00
Incidentals	25 00

Total ..... \$1,115 00

Total for China..... 6,770 00

#### *Japan.—Tokyo.*

<i>Tsukiji</i> , Tokyo scholarships...	\$80 00
Tamachi day school	300 00
Fukagawa	300 00
Bible woman—Uchara	30 00
<i>Aoyama</i> , Three scholarships..	120 00
One native teacher	240 00
Insurance	180 00
Miss A. Atkinson's salary	600 00
Incidentals	150 00
Miss M. Atkinson's salary	600 00
Incidentals	150 00
Teachers	200 00
Traveling expenses	100 00
Expenses to conference	80 00
<i>Hakodati</i> , Native teacher	150 00
Thirteen scholarships	520 00
Native teacher	100 00
Mrs. Weir's helper	100 00
Incidentals	50 00
Bible woman	150 00
Insurance	150 00
Taxes	108 00

<i>Hirosaki</i> , Miss Hampton's salary	600 00
Incidentals	150 00
School	200 00
Rent	200 00
Expenses to conference	70 00
<i>Yonezawa</i> , Salary of Miss Kaulbach	600 00
Incidentals	150 00
Teacher	100 00
Furniture for house	200 00
Traveling expenses	50 00
Expenses to conference	35 00

<i>Nagasaki</i> , Sixteen scholarships	640 00
Insurance	159 00
School Kagoshima	100 00
<i>Fukuoka</i> , Six scholarships	240 00
Salary of Miss Smith	600 00
Incidentals	150 00
Coolies	70 00
Furniture	500 00
Teacher	60 00
Bible woman	80 00

Total for Japan..... \$9,412 00

#### *Korea.*

Salary of Mrs. M. F. Scranton	\$375 00
Teacher	55 00
Traveling expenses	50 00
Three scholarships	150 00
Kenison	50 00
Fuel	130 00
Books and stationery	30 00
Freight and duties	125 00
Conditional	100 00

Total..... \$1,065 00

#### *Bulgaria.*

<i>Loftcha</i> , scholarship	\$160 00
<i>Rustchuk</i> , Teacher	120 00
Repairing schoolroom	20 00
Clara Kailer	360 00

Total..... \$660 00

#### *Italy.*

<i>Pisa</i> , Miss Biondi	\$180 00
Traveling expenses	200 00
Tracts and mothers' meetings	250 00

Total for Italy..... \$630 00

#### *South America.*

<i>Buenos Ayres</i> , Miss Le Huray	\$600 00
Incidentals	150 00
House rent	700 00
Three scholarships	300 00
Furniture	200 00
School requisites	50 00
Second assistant	360 00
<i>Rosario</i> , Building	1,000 00

Total for South America.. \$3,360 00

#### *Mexico.*

Girls in orphanage	\$560 00
Teacher	120 00
<i>Pachuca</i> , Bible woman	100 00
Miss Hastings' salary	600 00
Incidentals	150 00
Water tax	12 00
Ex. conference	50 00
<i>Orizaba</i> , Bible woman	100 00
<i>Queretaro</i> , Teacher	300 00
School supplies	50 00
Rent	100 00
Postage	5 00

Portero.....	24 00
Bible woman and supplies..	100 00
Building, Mexico City.....	1,000 00
Lady to be sent.....	1,000 00
<b>Total for Mexico.....</b>	<b>\$4,271 00</b>
Contingent.....	2,000 00
<b>Total for Branch.....</b>	<b>41 442 00</b>

## PHILADELPHIA BRANCH.

*North India.*

<i>Pauri</i> , Village schools .....	\$ 99 00
Salary of Miss Thornton...	220 00
Repairs .....	67 00
Scholarships and orphans ..	124 00
<i>Pithoragarh</i> , scholarships..	60 00
<i>Bijnour</i> , Scholarships.....	80 00
<i>Moradabad</i> , Medical work ...	300 00
Hospital servants.....	72 00
<i>Muttra</i> , Bible readers... ..	200 00
Conveyance .....	117 00
Assistant.....	180 00
<i>Bareilly</i> .....	300 00
<i>Lucknow</i> , Bible reader .....	40 00
City schools.....	267 00
<i>Gonda</i> , Assistant .....	200 00
<i>Ajudhia</i> , Bible work and schools .....	110 00
<i>Balrampur</i> , Bible work and schools .....	131 00
<i>Seetapore</i> .....	500 00
<i>Cawnpore</i> , Assistant.....	180 00
Bible reader.....	42 00
Scholarship (Mabel Newton)	85 00
City schools.....	267 00
Conveyances .....	140 00
Mrs. Rockety's Munshi .....	20 00
<i>Salaries</i> , Miss T. J. Kyle.....	\$650 00
Dr. K. R. McDowell.....	650 00
Miss S. McBurnie.....	650 00
Passage .....	400 00
<b>Total for North India.....</b>	<b>\$6,151 00</b>

*South India.*

<i>Bombay</i> , Assistant and Pundit	\$265 00
<i>Baroda</i> , Bible work.....	400 00
<i>Calcutta</i> , Deaconess' home...	200 00
Passage, Miss Black .....	350 00
<i>Singapore</i> , Assistant.....	200 00
<b>Total for South India .....</b>	<b>\$1,415 00</b>

*China.*

<i>Foochow</i> , Hospital expenses..	\$200 00
Two medical students.....	66 00
Salary, Miss E. Johnson ...	600 00
Incidentals.....	150 00
Personal teacher.....	72 00
<i>Foochow</i> District deaconess.	24 00
School Building .....	500 00
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$1,612 00</b>

*Central China.*

<i>Chinkiang</i> , Scholarship.....	25 00
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<i>Kiukiang</i> , Bible-woman and traveling expenses.....	87 00
Scholarships .....	125 00

Total for China..... \$1,849 00

*Japan.*

<i>Tokyo</i> , Scholarships .....	\$200 00
Insurance .....	160 00
Bible-woman, Mrs. Ushioda	60 00
Traveling expenses.....	150 00
Expenses to conference.....	40 00
Asakusa day school.....	200 00
Salary, Miss M. A. Spencer.	600 00
Incidentals .....	150 00
Personal teacher .....	100 00
Salary, Miss M. E. V. Pardoe	600 00
Incidentals .....	150 00
Personal Teacher.....	100 00
<i>Aoyama</i> , Scholarships.....	240 00
Matron .....	120 00

Total for Tokyo..... \$2,870 00

<i>Hakodati</i> , Scholarships.....	\$320 00
Fuel and lights .....	250 00
Salary, Miss E. J. Hewett ..	600 00
Incidentals .....	150 00
Personal teacher.....	100 00
Salary, Miss A. Dickerson ..	600 00
Incidentals .....	150 00
Personal teacher .....	100 00
Expenses to conference.....	70 00
Passage and outfit .....	600 00
Mrs. Green's English-speaking helper.....	100 00
Travel and incidentals.....	50 00
Miss Hewett's expenses home.....	350 00

Total for Hakodati..... \$3,440 00

<i>Nagasaki</i> , Scholarships.....	200 00
<b>Total for Japan.....</b>	<b>6,510 00</b>

*Bulgaria.*

<i>Loftcha</i> , First-assistant, Dora Koomanova .....	\$270 00
Scholarship .....	40 00
<i>Sistof</i> , School .....	130 00
<i>Orchania</i> , School.....	60 00
Bible work and support of three girls.....	250 00

Total for Bulgaria..... \$750 00

*Korea.*

Scholarships .....	\$150 00
Hospital attendants.....	150 00

Total for Korea..... \$300 00

*South America.*

<i>Buenos Ayres</i> , Third assistant.	\$240 00
Scholarship .....	200 00
<i>Montevideo</i> , School work.....	200 00
<i>Rosario</i> , School Building.....	200 00

Total for South America.. \$840 00

*Italy.*

<i>Milan</i> , Mrs. Campari.....	\$144 00
<i>Soccano</i> , Miss Campione .....	144 00
Current expenses .....	50 00

Total for Italy ..... \$338 00

*Mexico.*

<i>Mexico City</i> , Scholarships.....	\$420 00
Matron .....	\$300 00
Expenses to conference.....	25 00
Treasurer's expenses.....	30 00
Salary, Miss M. De F. Loyd.....	600 00
Incidentals .....	150 00
<i>San Vincente</i> , Salary of teacher .....	250 00
Bible-woman and supplies..	75 00
School supplies.....	100 00
Rent.....	60 00
<i>Puebla</i> , Bible-woman .....	100 00
<i>Guanajuato</i> , Rent.....	540 00
Portero.....	144 00
School supplies .....	150 00
Music and drawing teacher.....	120 00
Sewing teacher.....	60 00
Salary, missionary.....	600 00
Incidentals .....	150 00
Outfit and passage .....	400 00
Spanish Lessons.....	100 00
Orphanage building in Mexico City.....	750 00
Total in Mexico.....	\$5,124 00
Conditional.....	723 00
Grand total.....	24,000 00

## BALTIMORE BRANCH.

*India.*

<i>Naini Tal</i> , Assistant.....	\$280 00
Bible-reader.....	12 00
Upper Bazar school.....	80 00
Lower Bazar school .....	60 00
Rent schoolhouse .....	40 00
Conveyance.....	72 00
<i>Dwarahat</i> , Boarding school..	132 00
Assistant.....	220 00
Furniture .....	20 00
Repairs .....	17 00
Bible-readers .....	83 00
Village work .....	8 00
<i>Pauri</i> , Mrs. Whitby.....	280 00
Bible-readers.....	56 00
Itinerating.....	28 00
<i>Cawnpore</i> , Bible-woman .....	42 00
<i>Moradabad</i> , Miss M. Seymour .....	240 00
Scholars.....	150 00
Conveyance.....	84 00
<i>Barcilly</i> , Orphanage .....	120 00
Assistant .....	220 00
<i>Gonda</i> , Schools .....	67 00
Boarding school .....	194 00
Miss Gallimore.....	600 00
<i>Nariat Ganj</i> .....	44 00
	\$3,149 00
<i>Madras</i> , Miss G. Stephens....	\$275 00
Munshi .....	10 00
Conveyance.....	100 00

Orphans.....	100 00
<i>Calcutta</i> , School .....	250 00

Total for India..... \$775 00  
3,924 00

*China.*

<i>Foochow</i> , City hospital.....	\$400 00
Deaconess.....	36 00
Watchman .....	42 00
Four medical students .....	240 00
Miss Fisher's return passage .....	350 00
Salary.....	600 00
Incidentals.....	150 00
Personal teacher.....	72 00
Bible-woman.....	40 00
Orphans.....	265 00
Nine day schools, Ku Cheng District... ..	450 00
Building .....	500 00

\$3,145 00

*Kiukiang* . . . . . 50 00

Total for China..... \$3,195 00

*Japan.*

<i>Tokyo</i> , Tsukiji scholars .....	\$160 00
Aoyama scholars.....	80 00
<i>Kanda</i> , School .....	300 00

\$540 00

<i>Nagasaki</i> , Scholars.....	\$200 00
Miss Everding's salary.....	600 00
Incidentals ..	150 00
Personal teacher.....	60 00
Bible-woman.....	50 00
Bible-woman.....	60 00
Tracts and leaflets.....	50 00
<i>Yokohama</i> , Bible-woman training school .....	80 00
<i>Yonezawa</i> , Bible-woman.....	75 00
Traveling .....	20 00
Tracts and papers .....	10 00
Lady to be sent .....	1,000 00
Contingent.....	350 00

Total for Japan ..... \$3,245 00

*Korea.*

Scholars.....	\$150 00
Patients in hospital .....	150 00

Total for Korea..... \$300 00

*Mexico.*

<i>Mexico</i> , Building.....	\$250 00
Orphans.....	140 00
<i>Puebla</i> , Assistant .....	200 00

Total for Mexico..... \$590 00

*Italy.*

<i>Rome</i> , Bible-woman, Mrs. Man- do .....	\$192 00
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Total ..... \$192 00

Contingent ..... 500 00

Total for Branch..... \$11,946 00

## CINCINNATI BRANCH.

## North India.

<i>Naini Tal</i> , Miss Easton's salary .....	\$650 00
Half of interest .....	200 00
<i>Bijnour</i> , Boarding school, \$100; Munshi, \$20 .....	120 00
<i>Moradabad</i> , Boarding school .....	100 00
<i>Bareilly</i> , Orphanage .....	250 00
<i>Shahjehanpore</i> , Assistant \$200; Munshi, \$20 .....	220 00
Bible-readers, \$180; Itinerating \$34 .....	214 00
City schools .....	260 00
Conveyances .....	134 00
Boarding school .....	400 00
Assistant, \$180; Rent, \$80 ..	260 00
Teacher .....	120 00
Repairs .....	60 00
<i>Tilthur</i> , \$100; Pawayan, \$84 ..	184 00
<i>Jalalabad</i> .....	117 00
<i>East Shahjehanpore</i> , School, \$20; Bible-readers, \$39 ...	59 00
<i>Agra</i> , Medical student, \$50; Repairs, \$34 .....	84 00
<i>Lucknow</i> , Miss De Vine .....	650 00
College class .....	200 00
Bible-readers .....	150 00
Scholarships .....	120 00
Repairs, \$134; Conveyance, \$67 .....	201 00
<i>Seetapore</i> , Boarding school; Assistant, \$160; Teachers, \$176 .....	336 00
Scholarships, \$300; Medicines, \$17 .....	317 00
Second assistant, \$180; Munshi, \$40 .....	220 00
Bible-readers .....	196 00
Schools .....	268 00
Conveyances .....	144 00
Rent, \$200; Itinerating, \$30 ..	230 00
<i>Lakimpore</i> , Bible-readers .....	134 00
Schools, \$40; Itinerating, \$8 ..	48 00
<i>Cawnpore</i> , Miss Reed's salary ..	650 00
Third assistant .....	180 00
Repairs .....	34 00
<i>Barabanki</i> , Schools and Bible-readers .....	260 00
Miss Sullivan, passage and salary .....	950 00
Total for North India .....	\$8,712 00

## South India.

<i>Poona</i> , Four girls' schools .....	\$350 00
Bible-readers .....	150 00
School furniture .....	50 00
Conveyance, \$50; Pundit, \$40 .....	90 00
Total for South India .....	\$640 00

## Bengal Conference.

<i>Calcutta</i> , Miss Mansell's salary ..	\$650 00
Scholarship .....	84 00
Woman's work .....	200 00
Miss Blair's passage .....	300 00
<i>Pakour</i> , Orphans .....	100 00

<i>Rangoon</i> , Salary of Miss Wisner .....	650 00
<i>Singapore</i> , Medical work (provisional) .....	820 00
Miss Ernsberger's passage and salary .....	1,050 00
Total for Bengal Conference .....	\$4,494 00

## China.

<i>Peking</i> , Miss Ketrings salary ..	\$600 00
Incidentals and teacher .....	250 00
Boarding school .....	150 00
Watchman, \$50; Traveling expenses, \$50 .....	100 00
Repairs and postage .....	100 00
Miss Sears' home salary .....	350 00
<i>Tientsin</i> , Hospital expenses ..	250 00
<i>Tsun Hua</i> , Hospital ward .....	300 00
<i>Foochow</i> , Medical students ...	84 00
Model for hospital .....	200 00
Scholarships .....	200 00
Repairs, \$50; Insurance, \$16 ..	66 00
Gate-keeper .....	42 00
New building .....	2,000 00
Miss Jewell's salary .....	600 00
Incidentals and teacher .....	222 00
Woman's school .....	300 00
Miss Bonafield's salary .....	600 00
Incidentals and teacher .....	222 00
<i>Hing Hua</i> , Woman's schools ..	450 00
Day schools .....	100 00
Deaconess .....	24 00
Total for China .....	\$7,210 00

## Korea.

Miss Rothweiler's salary .....	\$600 00
Incidentals and teacher .....	220 00
Girls in school, \$150; Traveling expenses, \$50 .....	200 00
Janitor, \$40; Gateman, \$45 ..	85 00
Repairs .....	100 00
Fuel .....	175 00
Total for Korea .....	\$1,360 00

## Japan.

<i>Tokyo</i> , Scholarships, \$160; Matron, \$100 .....	\$260 00
Repairs .....	150 00
Miss Holbrook's work .....	310 00
<i>Aoyama</i> , Scholarship .....	40 00
<i>Hakodati</i> , Scholarships .....	160 00
Repairs .....	200 00
Mrs. McInturf's work .....	150 00
<i>Yokohama</i> , Scholarships .....	80 00
<i>Nagasaki</i> , Miss Elliott's salary ..	600 00
Miss Bing's salary .....	600 00
Incidentals and teachers .....	420 00
Scholarships .....	600 00
Taxes .....	275 00
Incidental expenses .....	100 00
Miss Russell's return .....	350 00
Home salary .....	350 00
<i>Fukuoka</i> , Miss Allen's salary ..	600 00
Incidentals, \$150; Teacher, \$60 .....	210 00

Grading and drains.....	500 00
Well, \$75; Watchman, \$30..	105 00
Total for Japan.....	\$6,060 00
<i>Italy.</i>	
Turin, Mrs. Monti .....	\$120 00
Rome, Mothers' meetings .....	250 00
Total for Italy .....	\$370 00
<i>South America.</i>	
Rosario, Scholarships.....	\$200 00
Matron .....	250 00
Building .....	500 00
Buenos Ayres, Rent .....	200 00
Montevideo, Schools.....	400 00
Total for South America..	\$1,550 00

*Mexico.*

Mexico City, Miss Ayres.....	\$600 00
Incidentals.....	150 00
Teacher, \$300; Orphans,	
\$210 .....	510 00
Porter .....	225 00
Repairs, \$150; Conference,	
\$25.....	175 00
Building .....	1,000 00
Porter .....	\$225 00
Repairs, \$150; conference,	
\$25.....	175 00
Building.....	1,000 00
Orizaba, Teacher.....	300 00
Rent.....	325 00
Porter .....	25 00
Puebla, Miss Warner's salary.	600 00
Incidentals, \$150; expenses	
to conference, \$25.....	175 00
Miss Orcillez.....	450 00
Taxes, \$100; Porter, \$150 ..	250 00
Music teacher, \$150; sup-	
plies, \$200.....	350 00
Plumbing and repairs .....	370 00
Total for Mexico .....	\$5,505 00
Contingent .....	789 00
Total for Branch.....	36,640 00

## NORTH-WESTERN BRANCH.

*North India.*

Naini Tal, interest.....	\$200 00
Dwarahat, Boarding school..	132 00
Pauri, Bible readers.....	56 00
Itinerating .....	28 00
Orphans .....	84 00
Pithoragarh, Scholarships ...	96 00
Bijnour, Boarding school .....	225 00
Mrs. Worthington.....	240 00
Repairs .....	67 00
Matron .....	48 00
Moradabad, Boarding school..	180 00
Chandausi, Bible readers and	
school .....	167 00
Bareilly, Orphans.....	150 00
Panahpore, Bible reader and	
school .....	100 00
Budaon, Boarding school .....	50 00

Assistants.....	200 00
Munshi.....	20 00
Muttra, Blackstone Training	
Home .....	400 00
Lucknow, Second assistant,	
Mrs. Pereira.....	240 00
Third assistant, Mrs. Pinto.	100 00
Miss Perrine's salary.....	650 00
Passage .....	400 00
Mrs. Hunt's salary.....	300 00
Gonda, Miss Rowe's salary...	300 00
Teacher, matron and school	194 00
Cawnpore, First assistant.....	200 00
Second assistant .....	160 00
Munshi.....	40 00
Land tax.....	53 00
Settapore, (provisional) .....	500 00
Lady to be sent.....	1,000 00
Total.....	\$6,580 00

*South India.*

Bombay, Miss DeLine's salary	\$650 00
Miss Carroll's salary.....	650 00
Teacher for each .....	100 00
Miss Carroll's passage.....	400 00
Miss Thomas' salary.....	264 00
Pundit .....	25 00
House rent.....	750 00
Conveyance and horse keep-	
ing.....	275 00
Calcutta, Scholarships.....	588 00
Bengali girls' school.....	80 00
Bengali girls' school pundit.	60 00
Hindustani girls' school.....	52 00
Building .....	500 00
Total .....	\$4,394 00
Total for India .....	10,974 00

*North China.*

Peking, Boarding school.....	\$100 00
Tientsin, Dr. Gloss' salary....	600 00
Incidentals .....	150 00
Teacher .....	50 00
Hospital expenses .....	400 00
Two gate-keepers.....	100 00
Drugs.....	250 00
Miss Steere's salary.....	600 00
Incidentals.....	150 00
Teacher .....	50 00
Passage .....	450 00
Tsun Hua, Hospital wards....	400 00
Foochow, Dr. Corey's home	
salary .....	350 00
Hospital expenses .....	200 00
Hospital repairs .....	150 00
Insurance .....	20 00
Paper mache model .....	200 00
School watchman.....	42 00
Boarding school.....	225 00
District schools .....	400 00
Ing Chung women's schools	300 00
Buying new property .....	1,000 00
Total .....	\$6,287 00

*Central China.*

Chinkiang, Foundling.....	\$25 00
Miss Robinson's salary .....	600 00



Incidentals .....	150 00
Teacher .....	84 00
Miss Peters' salary .....	600 00
Incidentals .....	150 00
Teacher .....	84 00
Nanking, Miss Shaw's salary ..	600 00
Incidentals .....	150 00
Teacher .....	84 00
House and school improve- ments .....	100 00
Rebuilding wall and grad- ing lot .....	290 00
Kiukiang, Miss Howe's salary ..	600 00
Incidentals .....	150 00
Teacher .....	85 00
Miss Wheeler's salary .....	600 00
Incidentals .....	150 00
Teacher .....	85 00
Support of Ida Howe .....	40 00
Repairs on Home and school ..	100 00
Rent for Gate Keeper .....	54 00

Total for China..... \$4,781 00  
11,068 00

*Japan.*

Tokyo, Tsukiji scholarships..	\$400 00
Two native teachers.....	324 00
Taxes .....	275 00
Tracts and papers .....	50 00
Aoyama, Scholarships.....	160 00
One native teacher.....	240 00
Hakodati, Scholarships.....	280 00
Nagasaki, Scholarships .....	200 00
Fukuoka, Scholarships.....	160 00
Balance on building .....	1,000 00
Yokohama, Mrs. Van Petten's salary .....	600 00
Incidentals .....	150 00
Teacher .....	100 00
Scholarships of Bible women ..	120 00
Kobe .....	100 00
Kanagawa .....	300 00
Books, tracts and papers....	75 00
Organ .....	50 00
School furniture .....	50 00
Conference expenses .....	30 00

Total for Japan .....

*Korea.*

Seoul, Dr. Howard's salary...	\$600 00
Incidentals .....	150 00
Teacher .....	70 00
Traveling expenses.....	100 00
Medicines and instruments..	400 00
Hospital furnishings.....	60 00
Repairs on hospital .....	100 00

Total for Korea..... \$1,480 00

*South America.*

Rosario, Miss Denning's salary	\$600 00
Incidentals .....	150 00
Assistants .....	350 00
Matron .....	250 00
Building .....	1,300 00
Montevideo, Miss Hyde's sal- ary .....	600 00
Incidentals .....	150 00

Reat for home and school...	600 00
Salary of assistant .....	500 00
Outfit for normal depart- ment .....	250 00
School expenses.....	1,000 00

Total for South America.. \$5,750 00

*Mexico.*

Mexico City, Boarding school.	\$420 00
Assistant teacher .....	250 00
Physician and medicine ....	135 00
Beds and bedding.....	80 00
Water and street tax.....	150 00
Building .....	1,000 00
Pachuca, Primary and music teachers.....	420 00
School supplies.....	150 00
Portero.....	130 00
Repairs and garden.....	135 00
Tetela, Miss Hewett's salary..	600 00
Incidentals .....	150 00
Expenses to conference....	35 00
House rent.....	160 00
School supplies .....	75 00
Portero.....	80 00
Assistant Teachers.....	250 00
Repairs .....	50 00
Apizaco, Salary of Mexican teacher ....	350 00
Rent.....	100 00
School supplies.....	50 00
Portero and travel .....	55 00

Total for Mexico .....

*Italy.*

Rome, Miss Hall's salary.....	\$600 00
Teacher and incidentals .....	200 00
Rent of home and school (pro- visional).....	1,000 00

Total for Italy..... \$1,800 00

*Bulgaria.*

Loftcha, Miss Schenck's salary	\$600 00
Incidentals .....	150 00
Miss Fincham's salary.....	600 00
Incidentals .....	150 00
Scholarships .....	120 00
Repairs .....	160 00
School furniture and apparat- us .....	100 00
Postage .....	2 00

Total for Bulgaria .....

Contingent .....

Grand total.....

## DES MOINES BRANCH.

*North India.*

Pauri, Orphans.....	\$84 00
Medical work.....	34 00
Pithora, School matron.....	20 00
Moradabad, Five girls .....	50 00
Teachers .....	120 00
Bareilly, Orphans.....	220 00



Miss Lawson's salary.....	650 00
Budaon, Orphans.....	200 00
Repairs.....	67 00
Lucknow, Miss Collins' salary.....	180 00
Second assistant in High School.....	240 00
Third assistant in High School.....	240 00
Gonda, Bible readers.....	76 00
Conveyance.....	67 00
Total for North India.....	\$2,248 00

*South India.*

Madras, Salary, Miss Jones ..	\$264 00
Munshi.....	25 00
Calcutta, High School.....	500 00
Miss Martha E. Day, outfit and passage.....	600 00
Total for South India.....	\$1,389 00
Total for India.....	3,637 00

*North China.*

Peking, Scholarship.....	\$ 350 00
Bible woman.....	50 00
Tientsin, Training School.....	150 00
Traveling expenses.....	150 00
Tsun Hua, Hospital expenses	400 00
Miss Frances O. Wilson, outfit and passage.....	1,000 00
Total for North China.....	\$2,100 00

*South China.*

Foochow, Hospital.....	\$200 00
Scholarships.....	200 00
New building.....	1,000 00
Hok Chiang, Nine day schools	250 00
Kukiang, Boarding school....	175 00
Physician.....	100 00
Total for Foochow.....	\$1,925 00
Total for China.....	4,025 00

*Japan.—Tokyo.*

Tsukiji, Four scholarships....	\$160 00
Native teacher.....	162 00
Aoyama, Two scholarships....	80 00
Miss Vance, salary.....	\$600 00
Personal teacher.....	100 00
Incidentals.....	150 00
Native teacher.....	240 00
Repairs.....	100 00
School furniture.....	47 00
Tracts and papers.....	50 00
Hakodati, native teacher.....	200 00
Seven scholarships.....	280 00
Nagasaki, Three scholarships.	120 00
Teacher, mathematics.....	500 00
Yonezawa, Outfit and passage of Miss Griffiths.....	1,000 00
Tracts and papers.....	25 00
Incidentals.....	150 00
School teacher.....	50 00
Total for Japan.....	\$4,014 00

*Korea.*

Seoul, Hospital patients.....	\$150 00
Insurance.....	40 00
Total for Korea.....	\$190 00

*Bulgaria.*

Loftcha, Salary, Anna Svetkova	\$154 00
Five scholars.....	20 00
Total for Bulgaria.....	\$174 00

*Italy.*

Forli, Bible reader, Mrs. Palmieri.....	\$ 72 00
Milan, Mrs. Stazi.....	240 00
Total for Italy.....	\$312 00

*South America.*

Rosario, Assistant teacher....	\$300 00
Three scholarships.....	150 00
Buenos Ayres, Rent.....	100 00
Salary, Mrs. Ocariz.....	360 00
Montevideo, Girls' school....	300 00
Total for South America ..	\$1,210 00

*Mexico.*

Mexico City, Building.....	\$500 00
Four scholarships, at \$70....	280 00
Lights.....	140 00
Interest.....	207 00
Guanajuato, Bible women ....	100 00
Mexican assistant.....	360 00
Total for Mexico.....	\$1,587 00
Contingent.....	831 00
Grand total.....	\$16,000 00

## MINNEAPOLIS BRANCH.

*North India.*

Pauri, Girls in orphanage ....	\$240 00
Pithora, home matron.....	20 00
School matron.....	20 00
School teacher.....	88 00
Home teachers.....	40 00
Girls and women.....	200 00
Bareilly, Orphans and scholars	100 00
Miss Alice D'Abreu.....	240 00
Assistant.....	180 00
Budaon, Girls.....	200 00
Mrs. Butterfield.....	172 00
Agnes, Bible reader.....	50 00
City schools.....	167 00
Village schools.....	40 00
Conveyance.....	117 00
Mrs. Wilson's munshi.....	20 00
Medicine.....	67 00
Itinerating.....	67 00
Lucknow, Mrs. Ward.....	160 00
Col Gunj, Bible reader and schools.....	107 00
Total for North India.....	\$2,295 00

*South India.*

<i>Bombay</i> , Miss Abram's salary	\$650 00
Four city schools .....	400 00
Pundit.....	50 00
Native teacher.....	185 00
Rent, boarding school and orphanage .....	658 00
Furniture .....	100 00
Keeping bullocks .....	125 00
<i>Roorkee</i> , Schools and Bible-readers.....	\$300 00
<i>Calcutta</i> , Scholarship, \$84 ; Girls' school, \$250.....	334 00
<i>Singapore</i> , Rent of mission-house.....	300 00
Furniture .....	100 00
Two assistants.....	350 00
Miss Blackmar's salary.....	650 00
Chair hire.....	125 00
Pundit and conveyance.....	150 00
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	\$1,675 00
Less by fees and donations ..	250 00
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	\$1,425 00
Total for India .....	6,522 00

*Japan.*

<i>Tokyo</i> , One scholarship.....	\$40 00
<i>Aoyama</i> , One scholarship.....	40 00
<i>Hakodati</i> , Five scholarships...	200 00
<i>Nagasaki</i> , Bible-reader, Mrs. Shebata .....	36 00
Traveling expenses .....	50 00
<i>Yokohama</i> , Three Bible-women ..	120 00
<i>Harrison Industrial Home</i> ..	3,030 00
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Total for Japan.....	\$3,516 00

*China.*

<i>Foochow</i> , Ten girls.....	\$200 00
Building.....	500 00
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Total for China .....	\$700 00

*South America.*

<i>Rosario</i> , Assistants .....	\$350 00
Building .....	500 00
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Total for South America..	\$850 00

*Bulgaria.*

<i>Loftcha</i> , Four scholarships....	160 00
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*Mexico.*

<i>Mexico City</i> , One scholarship.	\$70 00
<i>Puebla</i> , Salary, Miss Ogden...	600 00
Incidentals.....	150 00
Two scholarships .....	130 00
Miss Ogden's ragged school.	250 00
Expenses to Conference ....	25 00
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Total for Mexico.....	\$1,225 00
Total for Branch .....	12,973 00

## TOPEKA BRANCH.

*India.*

<i>Bareilly</i> , Orphanage .....	\$200 00
<i>Kant</i> , School and Bible-readers .....	84 00
<i>Budaon</i> , Boarding school....	200 00
<i>Muttra</i> , City schools.....	184 00
<i>Kasgunj</i> , Bible-reader and schools .....	100 00
<i>Lucknow</i> , Bible-reader.....	50 00
Home .....	180 00
Support of six women .....	96 00
Itinerating .....	34 00
Miss Blackmar's salary.....	650 00
<i>Seetapore</i> , Miss Fuller's salary .....	650 00
Zenana work, first assistant ..	180 00
<i>Dwarahat</i> , Boarding school....	128 00
<i>Pauri</i> , Orphanage, four girls..	56 00
<i>Pithoragarh</i> , scholars.....	125 00
Mrs. Dease's work .....	440 00
<i>Bijnour</i> , Boarding school....	96 00
<i>Calcutta</i> , Girls' school .....	500 00
Scholarship .....	84 00
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Total for India.....	\$4,037 00

*China.*

<i>Peking</i> , Boarding school, five scholarships .....	\$150 00
<i>Tartar City</i> , Day school.....	75 00
<i>Chinkiang</i> , Orphan .....	25 00
<i>Kiukiang</i> , Boarding school....	100 00
Orphans at Chung King....	75 00
<i>Foochow</i> , Hospital deaconess ..	36 00
Boarding school, five scholars.....	100 00
<i>Hok Chiang</i> , Four schools ....	200 00
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Total for China.....	\$761 00

*Japan.*

<i>Tokyo</i> , Miss Watson's salary.	\$600 00
Incidentals.....	150 00
Personal teacher.....	100 00
Native teacher .....	162 00
<i>Tsukiji</i> , Day school .....	300 00
Two scholarships .....	80 00
Conference expenses.....	20 00
Miss Imhof's outfit and passage (conditional) .....	700 00
<i>Hakodati</i> , Five scholarships ..	200 00
<i>Nagasaki</i> , Two scholarships..	80 00
<i>Fukuoka</i> , Two native teachers ..	250 00
Matron .....	36 00
<i>Yokohama</i> , Two Bible-women ..	80 00
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Total for Japan.....	\$2,888 00

*Bulgaria.*

<i>Yonezawa</i> , Mrs. Cleveland's work .....	\$130 00
<i>Loftcha</i> , Four schools.....	160 00
Five scholars.....	50 00
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Total for Bulgaria.....	\$210 00

*Korea.*

<i>Seoul</i> , Three scholarships ....	\$150 00
Matron .....	50 00
Total for Korea.....	\$200 00

*Italy.*

<i>Venosa</i> , Bible-woman.....	\$72 00
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*Mexico.*

<i>Mexico City</i> , Two scholarships	\$140 00
<i>Ayapango</i> , Teacher .....	250 00
Rent.....	50 00
School supplies .....	50 00
Bible-woman and supplies..	100 00
School furniture .....	100 00
Total for Mexico.....*	\$690 00

*South America.*

<i>Rosario</i> , Assistants.....	\$200 00
Four Scholarships .....	300 00
Total for South America..	\$500 00
Contingent .....	642 00
Grand Total.....	10,000 00

## PACIFIC BRANCH.

*India.*

<i>Kamptre District</i> .....	\$560 00
<i>Lucknow</i> , Bible-reader.....	60 00
Total for India .....	\$620 00

*China.*

<i>Foochow</i> , Building .....	\$500 00
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*Mexico.*

<i>Miraflores</i> .....	\$1,148 00
Contingent .....	132 00
Total for Branch.....	\$2,400 00
Total for Branches.....	230,401 00



## SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATIONS, 1888-89.

BRANCH.	India.	China.	Japan.	Korea.	Italy.	Bulgaria.	South America.	Mexico.	Contin- gent.	Total.
New England.	\$8,930	\$6,452	\$4,852	\$1,165	\$240	\$180	\$2,900	\$2,985	\$2,296	\$30,000
New York....	13,274	6,770	9,412	1,065	630	660	3,360	4,271	2,000	41,442
Philadelphia..	7,566	1,849	6,510	300	338	750	840	5,124	723	24,000
Baltimore.....	3,924	3,195	3,245	300	192	.....	.....	590	500	11,946
Cincinnati....	13,846	7,210	6,060	1,360	370	.....	1,550	5,505	739	36,640
Northwestern.	10,974	11,068	4,664	1,480	1,800	1,882	5,750	4,825	2,557	45,000
Des Moines....	3,637	4,025	4,014	190	312	174	1,210	1,587	851	16,000
Minneapolis..	6,522	700	3,516	.....	.....	160	850	1,225	.....	12,973
Topeka.....	4,037	761	2,888	200	72	210	500	690	642	10,000
Pacific. ....	620	500	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,148	132	2,400
	\$73,330	\$42,530	\$45,161	\$6,060	\$3,954	\$4,016	\$16,960	\$27,950	\$10,440	\$230,401

## SUMMARY OF FOREIGN WORK, BY BRANCHES.

BRANCHES.	Missionaries.	Medical Missionaries.	Zenana Teachers and Assistants.	Bible Women.	Day, City, and Village Schools.	Scholarships and Pupils in Schools.	Orphans in Orphanages.
New England.....	12	2	20	94	60	124	43
New York.....	18	2	16	52	16	69	123
Philadelphia.....	6	2	14	13	27	.....	83
Baltimore.....	4	....	8	12	15	.....	67
Cincinnati.....	20	1	5	75	42	.....	36
North-Western.....	14	3	20	20	39	.....	21
Des Moines.....	2	....	3	8	3	32	45
Minneapolis.....	3	....	9	13	7	42	29
Topeka.....	3	....	3	21	10	85	32
Total,.....	82	10	98	308	219	352	479

## SUMMARY OF HOME WORK.

BRANCH.	Auxiliaries.	Members.	Young Ladies' Societies.	Members.	Children's Bands.	Members.	Total Organizations.	Total Membership.	Life Members.	Honorary Managers.	Life Patrons.	Conference Secretaries.	District Secretaries.	Mite Barrels Distributed.	Subscribers to H. W. Friend.
New England...	430	10,354	44	1,108	110	1,954	584	13,416	1,190	48	14	9	30	2,366	2,822
New York.....	846	30,156	.....	.....	121	.....	967	30,156	1,318	89	19	13	40	3,525	3,742
Philadelphia....	308	10,993	.....	.....	148	4,070	456	15,063	458	24	5	6	28	745	1,898
Baltimore.....	145	5,814	17	.....	14	.....	176	5,814	182	6	...	1	5	.....	704
Cincinnati.....	716	12,500	120	720	118	640	954	13,860	1,420	98	8	9	44	.....	2,315
North-Western..	1,017	22,104	72	1,500	131	2,782	1,220	26,386	3,162	98	14	12	69	5,600	4,634
Des Moines.....	401	8,122	51	981	118	1,426	570	10,529	876	34	....	7	27	1,035	1,505
Minneapolis.....	142	3,253	7	140	17	346	166	3,739	296	34	10	9	....	307	657
Topeka.....	259	5,975	97	2,240	.....	.....	356	8,215	549	21	1	10	36	.....	1,520
Total, .....	4,264	109,271	408	6,689	777	11,218	5,449	127,178	9,451	452	71	76	279	13,578	19,797





## MISSIONARIES OF THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.---(Continued.)

APPOINT	MISSIONARIES.	POSTOFFICE ADDRESS.	BRANCHES.	FORMER RESIDENCE.
1884.....	Miss Ella J. Hewett .....	Hakodati, Japan.....	Philadelphia....	Gilead, Mich.
1884.....	" Emily L. Harvey .....	Cawnpore, India.....	New England....	South Barton, Vt.
1884.....	" Mary Christauncy, M. D. .	Bareilly, " .....	" .....	Washington, D. C.
1884.....	" Fannie M. English. ....	" .....	New York .....	Seneca Falls, N. Y.
1884.....	" Clara A. Downey. ....	Moradabad, " .....	" .....	Rome, N. Y.
1884.....	" Margaret C. Hedrick. ....	Calcutta, " .....	" .....	S. Charleston, O.
1884.....	" Sarah DeLine. ....	Bombay, " .....	North-Western..	Elwood, Ill.
1884.....	" Mary Reed. ....	Cawnpore, " .....	Cincinnati.....	Crooked Tree, O.
1884.....	" Hettie Mansell. ....	Calcutta, " .....	" .....	Delaware, O.
1884.....	" Catharine Corey, M. D. .	Home on leave. ....	North-Western..	Michigan.
1884.....	" Mary C. Robinson. ....	Chin Kiang, China .....	" .....	" .....
1884.....	" Carrie I. Jewell. ....	Foochow, " .....	Cincinnati.....	Harmar, O.
1884.....	" Lizzie M. Fisher. ....	Foochow, " .....	Baltimore.....	London, O.
1884.....	" Eleanor LeHuray. ....	Buenos Ayres, S. A. ....	New York .....	Summit, N. J.
1884.....	" Mary De F. Loyd. ....	Mexico City, Mexico. ....	Philadelphia....	Hillsboro, O.
1884.....	" Linna A. Schenck. ....	Lofcha, Bulgaria .....	North-Western..	Muskegan, Mich.
1885.....	Mrs. M. F. Scranton. ....	Seoul, Korea. ....	N. E. & N. Y. .	Cleveland, O.
1885.....	Miss Anna D. Gloss, M. D. .	Tientsin, China. ....	North-Western..	Chicago, Ill.
1885.....	" Theresa J. Kyle. ....	Lucknow, India. ....	Philadelphia....	Mt. Pleasant, Pa.
1885.....	" Elizabeth M. Hall. ....	Rome, Italy. ....	North-Western..	Cazenovia, N. Y.
1885.....	" M. J. Elliot. ....	Nagasaki, Japan. ....	Cincinnati.....	Greenburg, O.
1885.....	" Lida B. Smith. ....	Fukuoka, " .....	New York .....	Syracuse, N. Y.
1885.....	" Julia Wisner. ....	Rangoon, Burmah. ....	Cincinnati.....	Berea, O.
1886.....	" Lizzie Hewett. ....	Tetela, Mexico. ....	North-Western..	Gilead, Mich.
1886.....	" Anna Lawson. ....	Bareilly, India. ....	Des Moines.....	Ottumwa, Ill.
1886.....	" Delia A. Fuller. ....	Seetapore, India. ....	New England....	Boulder, Col.
1886.....	" Kate McDowell, M. D. .	Moradabad, India. ....	Philadelphia....	Philadelphia, Pa.
1886.....	" Oriel Miller. ....	Naini Tal, " .....	Cincinnati.....	Huntsville, O.

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APPOINT.	MISSIONARIES.	POSTOFFICE ADDRESS.	BRANCHES.	FORMER RESIDENCE.
1886. ....	Miss Susan M. Pray, M. D. ....	Home on Leave. ....	New York. ....	New York City.
1886. ....	" Nellie R. Greau. ....	Peking, China. ....	New England. ....	San Francisco, Cal.
1886. ....	" Anna M. Kaubach. ....	Hakodati, Japan. ....	New York. ....	Waverly, N. Y.
1886. ....	" G. M. Rulofson. ....	Yokohama, Japan. ....	New England. ....	New Britain, Conn.
1886. ....	" Hattie L. Ayres. ....	Mexico City, Mexico. ....	Cincinnati. ....	Hillsboro O.
1887. ....	" Edna G. Terry, M. D. ....	Tsun Hua, China. ....	New England. ....	Boston, Mass.
1887. ....	" Mary A. Hughes. ....	Madras, India. ....	New York. ....	Brooklyn, N. Y.
1887. ....	" Ella C. Shaw. ....	Nanking, China. ....	North-Western. ....	Moore's Hill, Ind.
1887. ....	" Mary A. Vance. ....	Tokyo, Japan. ....	Des Moines. ....	Burlington, Iowa.
1887. ....	" Minnie F. Abrams. ....	Bombay, India. ....	Minneapolis. ....	Mapleton, Minn.
1887. ....	" Nettie C. Ogden. ....	Puebla, Mexico. ....	" ....	Springfield, O.
1887. ....	" Mabel C. Hartford. ....	Foochow, China. ....	New England. ....	Dover, N. H.
1887. ....	" Sophia Blackmore. ....	Singapore, Straits Settlement. ....	Minneapolis. ....	Australia.
1887. ....	" May E. Carlton, M. D. ....	Foochow, China. ....	New York. ....	Brownsville, N. Y.
1887. ....	" Louisa C. Rothweiler. ....	Seoul, Korea. ....	Cincinnati. ....	Berea, O.
1887. ....	" Meta Howard, M. D. ....	" ....	North-Western. ....	Albion, Mich.
1887. ....	" Ella B. Fincham. ....	Loficha, Bulgaria. ....	" ....	Petosky, Mich.
1887. ....	" Annie Gallimore. ....	Gouda, India. ....	Baltimore. ....	Newport, Ky.
1888. ....	" Mary Atkinson. ....	Tokyo, Japan. ....	New York. ....	Cazenovia, N. Y.
1888. ....	" Belle J. Allen. ....	Fukuoka, " ....	Cincinnati. ....	Bellefontaine, O.
1888. ....	" Anna L. Bing. ....	Nagasaki, " ....	" ....	Delaware, O.
1888. ....	" Julia Bonafield. ....	Foochow, China. ....	" ....	Tunneleton, W. Va.
1888. ....	" Kate A. Blair. ....	Calcutta, India. ....	" ....	Tolledo, Ohio.
1888. ....	" Mary Black. ....	" ....	Philadelphia. ....	Oil City, Pa.
1888. ....	" Mary E. Bowen. ....	Rosario, S. A. ....	New England. ....	Warren, R. I.
1888. ....	" Mary E. Carroll. ....	Bombay, India. ....	North-Western. ....	Joliet, Ill.
1888. ....	" Mary A. Danforth. ....	Nagoya, Japan. ....	New England. ....	Colebrook, N. H.
1888. ....	" Augusta Dickerson. ....	Hakodati, " ....	Philadelphia. ....	Philadelphia, Pa.

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APPOINT.	MISSIONARIES.	POSTOFFICE ADDRESS.	BRANCHES.	FORMER RESIDENCE.
1888. ....	Miss Martha A. Day. ....	Calcutta, India. ....	Des Moines. ....	Mt. Pleasant, Iowa.
1888. ....	" J. Ernsberger, M. D. ....	Bengal Conference, India. ....	Cincinnati. ....	Delphos, O.
1888. ....	" Estella M. Files. ....	Rangoon, Burma. ....	New York. ....	Brockport, N. Y.
1888. ....	" Lillian G. Hale. ....	T'sun Hua, China. ....	New England. ....	W. Newbury, Mass.
1888. ....	" Minnie B. Hyde. ....	Montevideo, S. A. ....	North-Western. ....	Quincy, Mich.
1888. ....	" Ella Johnson. ....	Foochow, China. ....	Philadelphia. ....	Philadelphia, Pa.
1888. ....	" Mary Ketting. ....	Peking, " ....	Cincinnati. ....	Napoleon, O.
1888. ....	" Mary Maxey. ....	Calcutta, India. ....	New York. ....	London, O.
1888. ....	" S. McBurnie. ....	Muttra, " ....	Philadelphia. ....	Philadelphia, Pa.
1888. ....	" Emma Mitchell. ....	Nanking, China. ....	New York. ....	Brooklyn, N. Y.
1888. ....	" Florence Perrine. ....	Lucknow, India. ....	North-Western. ....	
1888. ....	" Sarah Peters. ....	Chin Kiang, China. ....	" " ....	Princeville, Ill.
1888. ....	" Mary E. Pardoe. ....	Tokyo, Japan. ....	Philadelphia. ....	Dauphin, Pa.
1888. ....	" Lucy W. Sullivan. ....	North India. ....	Cincinnati. ....	Dayton, O.
1888. ....	" Martha A. Sheldon, M. D. ....	" " ....	New England. ....	Excelsior, Minn.

## MISSIONARIES OF THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.—(Continued.)

## ACCEPTED BUT NOT APPOINTED.

MISSIONARIES.	POSTOFFICE ADDRESS.	BRANCHES.	FORMER RESIDENCE.
Miss Maud Simmons	.....	.....	.....
" Martha E. Taylor	.....	.....	.....
" Bertha Fowler	.....	.....	.....
" Ellen Forbes	.....	.....	.....
" Elsie Wood	.....	.....	.....
" Anna B. Long	.....	.....	.....

## MISSIONARIES AT HOME ON ACCOUNT OF ILL HEALTH, AND WHOSE RETURN IS UNCERTAIN.

APPOINT.	MISSIONARIES.	WHERE EMPLOYED.	BRANCHES.	PRESENT ADDRESS.
1878. ....	Miss M. E. Priest	Hakodati, Japan	New York	Canandaigua, N. Y.
1878. ....	" Eugenia Gibson	Lucknow, India	"	Albany, N. Y.
1878. ....	" Clara L. Mulliner	Mexico City	"	Camden, N. J.
1878. ....	" Mary F. Swaney	Mexico	Baltimore	Leavenworth, Kan.
1879. ....	" Kate C. Bushnell, M. D.	Kiu Kiang, China	North-Western	Denver, Col.
1879. ....	" Delia Howe	"	Philadelphia	Lansing, Mich.
1879. ....	Mrs. E. J. M. Clemens	Rosario, South America	North-Western	Washington, D. C.
1880. ....	Miss E. Yates	China	New England	Round Pond, Me.
1884. ....	" Laura M. Latimer	Mexico	"	Rochester, N. Y.
1887. ....	" Miss Nella H. Field	"	"	Clifton Springs, N. Y.

## MISSIONARIES OF THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.—(Continued.)

RETIRED AFTER TWENTY-FIVE YEARS' SERVICE.				
APPOINT.	MISSIONARIES.	WHERE EMPLOYED.	BRANCHES.	PRESENT ADDRESS.
	Miss Sarah Woolston.....	Foochow, China.....	.....	Trenton, N. J.
ENTERED INTO REST.				
APPOINT.	MISSIONARIES.			
1875.....	Miss Letitia A. Campbell.....	Peking, China.....	.....	Died May 18, 1878.
1878.....	" Susan B. Higgins.....	Yokohama, Japan.....	.....	" July 3, 1879.
1876.....	" L. H. Green, M. D. (Mrs Chetey). .	Bareilly, India.....	.....	" Sept. 30, 1878.
1881.....	" Emma Michener.....	Africa.....	.....	" Dec. 11, 1881.
1884.....	" Ella Gilchrist, M. D.....	Kiu Kiang, China.....	.....	" April 23, 1884.
1886.....	" Beulah Woolston.....	Foochow, China.....	.....	" Oct. 24, 1886.
1886.....	" Cecilia Gnelli.....	Montevideo, S. A.....	.....	" Dec. 11, 1886.
1881.....	" Harriet Kerr.....	Bareilly, India.....	.....	" Jan. 31, 1887.
1880.....	" Florence Nickerson.....	Lucknow, India.....	.....	
	" Henrietta Woolston.....	Moradabad, India.....	.....	



## MISSIONARIES OF THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.—(Continued.)

APPOINT.	MISSIONARIES.	FORMERLY EMPLOYED. REMARKS.	
1869. ....	Miss Clara A. Swain, M. D. ....	Khetri, India. ....	Independent Work.
1871. ....	Carrie McMillan. ....	Mrs. Rev. P. M. Buck, Almorah, India. ....	Parent Society.
1871. ....	Maria Brown. ....	“ Rev. G. R. Davis, Peking, China. ....	“
1871. ....	“ Jennie Tinsley. ....	“ Rev. J. W. Waugh, Dwarahat, India. ....	“
1873. ....	“ S. F. Lemming (Mrs. Shepherd. ....	Health failed. Returned to U.S. May, 1874. ....	
1873. ....	“ Xaunie Monelle, M. D. ....	Mrs. H. Mansell, Bareilly, India. ....	Parent Society.
1873. ....	“ Lucinda L. Coombs, M. D. ....	“ Rev. A. Strittmater, Columbus, O. ....	
1874. ....	“ Letitia Mason, M.D. (Mrs. Quine) ....	Health failed. Returned to U.S. Aug. 1876. ....	
1874. ....	“ Anna Julia Lore, M. D. ....	Mrs. Rev. G. H. McGrew, Meriden, Conn. ....	
1874. ....	“ D. E. Schoonmaker. ....	“ Dora S. Soper, Chicago, Ill. ....	
1876. ....	“ Mary C. Cary. ....	“ Frank Davis. ....	Parent Society.
1876. ....	“ Olive Whiting. ....	“ Rev. C. Bishop, Tokyo, Japan. ....	“
1872. ....	“ L. M. Pultz. ....	Health failed. Returned, 1877. ....	
1871. ....	“ M. Q. Porter. ....	Mrs. Rev. F. D. Gamewell, Hackensack, N. J. ....	Parent Society.
1882. ....	“ Margaret Elliott. ....	Married in 1883. ....	
1880. ....	“ Kate Woodworth. ....	Married in 1883. ....	
1881. ....	“ E. I. Hoy. ....	Mrs. J. C. Lawson, Seetapore, India. ....	Parent Society.
1879. ....	“ Mary Sharp. ....	Recalled. ....	
1877. ....	“ Leonora Howard, M. D. ....	Married in 1884. ....	
1878. ....	“ Julia A. Sparr, M. D. ....	Married in 1884. ....	
1883. ....	“ M. Hugoboom. ....	Married in 1885. ....	
1874. ....	“ S. Trask, M. D. ....	Mrs. Geo. W. Elmer, Yokohama, Japan. ....	Parent Society.
1882. ....	“ E. J. Benton. ....	Married in 1885. ....	
1882. ....	“ Estelle Akers. ....	Married in 1886. ....	
1883. ....	“ M. McKesson. ....	Married in 1886. ....	
1883. ....	“ Laura Hyde, M. D. ....	Mrs. F. W. Foote, Cawnpore, India. ....	Parent Society.
1880. ....	“ Julia Goodenough. ....	Married in 1886. ....	
1881. ....	“ Ellen Warner. ....	Mrs. D. O. Fox, Bombay, India. ....	Parent Society.
1885. ....	“ Sarah Lauck. ....	Married in 1888. ....	

## TREASURERS IN FOREIGN FIELDS.

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NORTH INDIA.—Miss Louise E. Blackmar, Lucknow, India, *via* Brindisi.

BOMBAY.—Miss Sarah DeLine, Bombay, India, *via* Brindisi.

MADRAS.—Miss Mary Hughes, Vepery, Madras, India, *via* Brindisi.

BENGAL CONFERENCE.—Miss Margaret C. Hedrick, 18 Emaurbagh Lane, Calcutta, *via* Brindisi.

SINGAPORE.—Miss Sophia Blackmore, Singapore, Straits Settlement, *via* Brindisi.

NORTH CHINA.—Miss Clara M. Cushman, Peking, China, *via* San Francisco.

CHIN KIANG.—Miss Mary E. Robinson, Chin Kiang, China, *via* San Francisco.

KIU KIANG.—Miss Gertrude Howe, Kiu Kiang, China, *via* San Francisco,

FOOCHOW.—Miss Carrie Jewell, Foochow, China, *via* San Francisco.

KOREA.—Mrs. Mary F. Scranton, Seoul, Korea, *via* San Francisco.

TOKYO.—Miss Matilda A. Spencer, 13 Tsukiji, Tokyo, Japan, *via* San Francisco.

YOKOHAMA.—Mrs. Carrie Van Petten, 221 Bluff, Yokohama, Japan, *via* San Francisco.

HAKODATI.—Miss Ella J. Hewett, Hakodati, Japan, *via* San Francisco.

NAGASAKI.—Miss Elizabeth Russell, Nagasaki, Japan, *via* San Francisco.

ITALY.—Miss Emma M. Hall, Rome, Italy.

BULGARIA.—Miss Linna M. Schenck, Loftcha, Bulgaria.

ROSARIO.—Miss Jennie M. Chapin, Rosario, Argentine Republic, South America.

MONTEVIDEO and BUENOS AYRES.—Mrs. Ada M. C. Drees, 214 Calle de Corrientes, Buenos Ayres, Argentine Republic, South America.

MEXICO.—Miss Mary De F. Loyd, Apartado 345, Mexico City, Mexico.

PACHUCA.—Miss Mary Hastings, Pachuca, Mexico.



LIST OF REAL ESTATE  
BELONGING TO THE  
WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

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INDIA.

BUDAON—School building.....	\$ 3,000
BAREILLY—Home .....	12,500
Hospital.....	9,000
Orphanage.....	3,000
MORADABAD—School building.....	2,000
Home .....	3,500
LUCKNOW—School building.....	4,000
Home .....	7,360
Boarding halls.....	2,300
Home for Friendless.....	4,500
CAWNPORE—School building.....	8,000
Home.....	4,500
PAURI—Orphanage .....	1,500
GONDA—School building.....	2,000
PITHORAGARH, Adeline Newman Home (for friendless women)..	2,500
BIJNOUR.....	3,000
ALMORAH—Sanitarium.....	4,000
NAINI TAL—Boarding school.....	13,000
MUTTRA—Training school.....	3,000
Total for India.....	\$ 92,660

CHINA.

PEKING—Home and school.....	\$12,000
KIU KIANG—School building and home.....	7,000
CHIN KIANG.....	5,000
FOOCHOW—School building.....	4,000
Hospital.....	6,000
TIENTSIN—Hospital and home.....	12,000
WUHU—School.....	1,850
NANKING—School.....	4,000
TSUN HUA, .....	4,000
Total for China.....	\$ 55,850

JAPAN.

TOKYO—School building.....	\$10,000
AOYAMA, .....	12,000
HAKODATI—Home and school.....	10,000
NAGASAKI, .....	11,000
YOKOHAMA, .....	4,100
FUKUOKA, .....	8,000
KOREA—Home and school.....	5,000
Total for Japan and Korea.....	\$ 60,100

## MEXICO.

PACHUCA—Home.....	\$ 5,500
PUEBLA—Home and school.....	16,500
MEXICO CITY—Orphanage.....	32,000
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Total for Mexico.....	\$ 54,000

## SOUTH AMERICA.

ROSARIO, .....	\$10,000
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Total for South America.....	\$ 10,000

## BULGARIA.

LOFTCHA—School.....	\$ 4,500
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Total for Bulgaria.....	\$ 4,500
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Grand Total.....	\$277,110

## UNIFORM STUDIES 1888-89.

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*January.*—The World; The Work; The Instrumentalities; How may We best do the *Work* of bringing the *World* to Christ?

*February.*—History and Work of the Missionary Society of the Meth. Ep. Church.

*March.*—The Twenty Years' History of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Meth. Ep. Church; Thanksgiving and Thank-offering Service; School in Foochow, College in Lucknow objects of Thank-offerings.

*April.*—Work of Woman's Missionary Societies in Foreign Lands.

*May.*—Orphanages and Boarding Schools.

*June.*—Bible-Women; Deaconesses; Training Schools.

*July.*—Day Schools, City and Village.

*August.*—Itinerating and Evangelical Work.

*September.*—Mite-box Service; Feast of Ingatherings.

*October.*—Bulgaria.

*November.*—Mexico.

*December.*—South America.

# CONSTITUTION

## OF THE

### WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

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#### ARTICLE I.—NAME.

This Association shall be called "THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH."

#### ARTICLE II.—PURPOSE.

The purpose of this Society is to engage and unite the efforts of Christian women in sending female Missionaries to women in the foreign Mission fields of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and in supporting them and native Christian teachers and Bible readers in those fields.

#### ARTICLE III.—MEMBERSHIP.

The payment of one dollar annually shall constitute membership, and twenty dollars life membership. Any person paying one hundred dollars shall become an Honorary Manager for life, and the contribution of three hundred dollars shall constitute the donor an Honorary Patron for life.

#### ARTICLE IV.—ORGANIZATION.

The organization of this Society shall consist of a General Executive Committee, Co-ordinate Branches, Auxiliary Societies, to be constituted and limited as laid down in subsequent articles.

#### ARTICLE V.—GENERAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

SECTION 1. The management and general administration of the affairs of the Society shall be vested in a General Executive Committee, consisting of the Corresponding Secretary and two delegates from each Branch, which delegates, together with two reserves, shall be elected at the Branch Annual Meetings, said meetings to be held within two months before the meeting of the General Executive Committee. Said committees shall meet at Boston, the third Wednesday in April, 1870, and annually or oftener thereafter, at such time and place as the General Executive Committee shall annually determine.

SEC. 2. The duties of the General Executive Committee shall be :

1. To take into consideration the interests and demands of the entire work of the Society, as presented in the reports of Branch Corresponding Secretaries, and in the estimates of the needs of Mission fields; to ascertain the financial condition of the Society; to appropriate its money in accordance with the purposes and methods herein indicated; to devise



means for carrying forward the work of the Society; fixing the amounts to be raised; employing new Missionaries, designating their fields of labor, examining the reports of those already employed, and arranging with the several Branches the work to be undertaken by each.

2. To appoint a committee, consisting of one from each Branch, to have charge of the Missionary paper of this Society, and to arrange for the publication of an Annual Report of the work of the Society.

3. To transact any other business that the interests of the Society may demand, provided all the plans and directions of the committee shall be in harmony with the provisions of the Constitution.

#### ARTICLE VI.—BRANCHES.

SECTION 1. The organizations already formed at Boston, New York, Philadelphia, Chicago and Cincinnati, shall be regarded as Co-ordinate Branches of this Society, on their acceptance of this relationship under the provisions of the present Constitution.

SEC. 2. Other Branches may be organized in accordance with the following general plan for districting the territory of the church :

DISTRICTS.	STATES.	HEADQUARTERS.
I.	New England States . . . . .	Boston.
II.	New York and New Jersey . . . . .	New York.
III.	Pennsylvania and Delaware . . . . .	Philadelphia.
IV.	Maryland, District of Columbia and Virginia . . . . .	Baltimore.
V.	Ohio, West Virginia, Kentucky and Tennessee . . . . .	Cincinnati.
VI.	Illinois, Indiana, Michigan and Wisconsin . . . . .	Chicago.
VII.	Iowa and Missouri . . . . .	Des Moines.
VIII.	Minnesota, Dakota, Montana, Idaho, Washington Territory and Oregon . . . . .	Minneapolis.
IX.	Kansas, Nebraska, Colorado and Wyoming . . . . .	Topeka.
X.	California, Nevada, Arizona . . . . .	Los Angeles.
XI.	North Carolina, South Carolina, Alabama, Georgia and Florida . . . . .	Atlanta.
XII.	Arkansas, Mississippi, Louisiana and Texas . . . . .	New Orleans.

This plan, however, may be changed by an affirmative vote of three-fourths of the members of the General Executive Committee present at any annual meeting of the same.

SEC. 3. The officers of each Branch Society shall consist of a President, not less than ten Vice-Presidents, a Recording Secretary, a Corresponding Secretary, a Treasurer, an Auditor, and not less than ten Managers. These, with the exception of Auditor, shall constitute an Executive Committee for the administration of the affairs of the Branch, nine of whom shall be a quorum for the transaction of business. These officers

shall be elected at the annual meeting of the Branch, and shall continue in office until others are chosen in their stead.

SEC. 4. The President, or one of the Vice-Presidents, shall preside at all meetings of the Branch and of its Executive Committee.

The Recording Secretary shall notify all meetings of the Branch and of the Executive Committee, and shall keep a full record of the proceedings.

The Corresponding Secretary shall, under the direction of the Executive Committee, conduct the correspondence of the Society with foreign missionaries, with the other Branches, and with its Auxiliary Societies (hereinafter mentioned), and shall endeavor, by all practical means, to form Auxiliary Societies within the prescribed territory of the Branch. It shall also be her duty to present to the annual meeting of the General Executive Committee a report of the work of the Branch during the year, for publication in its annual report.

The Treasurer shall receive all contributions to the Branch, keeping proper books of account, and shall make such disposition of the funds as the Executive Committee may direct, each order of the committee being duly signed by the Corresponding Secretary.

SEC. 5. The Executive Committee shall have supervision of the work assigned to the Branch by the General Executive Committee, and may order the disbursements of the funds required for that work, provide for all the wants, and receive all the reports of the Missionaries, Bible Women, and Teachers, who, by the plan of the General Executive Committee, are to be supported by the Branch.

SEC. 6. No Branch shall project new work or undertake the support of new Missionaries, except by the direction or with the approval of the General Executive Committee.

SEC. 7. Each Branch may make its own By-Laws regulating its meetings and those of the Executive Committee, also any others which may be deemed necessary to its efficiency, not inconsistent with this Constitution.

#### ARTICLE VII.—AUXILIARY SOCIETIES.

Any number of women who shall contribute not less than ten dollars annually may form a Society auxiliary to that Branch of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, within whose prescribed territorial limits they may reside, by appointing a President, three or more Vice-Presidents or Managers, a Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer, who together shall constitute a local Executive Committee.

## ARTICLE VIII.—RELATION TO THE MISSIONARY AUTHORITIES OF THE CHURCH.

SEC. 1. This Society shall work in harmony with and under the supervision of the Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church. The appointment, recall, and remuneration of Missionaries, and the designation of their fields of labor, shall be subject to the approval of the Board of Managers of the Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and annual appropriations to Mission fields shall be submitted for revision and approval to the General Missionary Committee of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

SEC. 2. All Missionaries sent by this Society shall labor under the direction of the particular Conferences or Missions of the Church in which they may be severally employed. They shall be annually appointed by the President of the Conference or Mission, and shall be subject to the same rules of removal that govern the other Missionaries.

SEC. 3. All the work of the Woman's Society in foreign lands shall be under the direction of the Conferences or Missions, and their committees, in exactly the same manner as the work of the Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, the Superintendent or Presiding Elder having the same relation to the work and the person in charge that he would have were it in the charge of any member of the Conference or Mission.

SEC. 4. The funds of the Society shall not be raised by collections or subscriptions taken during any of our church services, nor in any promiscuous public meetings, nor in any Sunday schools, but shall be raised by such methods as the Constitution of the Society shall provide, none of which shall interfere with the contributions of our people and Sunday schools for the treasury of the Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and the amount so collected shall be reported by the preacher in charge to the annual Conference, and be entered in the column among the benevolent collections in the annual General Minutes.

SEC. 5. Section 4 of this article shall not be so interpreted as to prevent the ladies from taking collections in ladies' meetings convened in the interest of their Societies, nor from securing memberships, life memberships, etc., in audiences where their work is represented, nor from holding festivals or arranging lectures in the interests of their work.

## ARTICLE IX.—CHANGE OF CONSTITUTION.

This Constitution may be changed at any annual meeting of the General Executive Committee, by a two-thirds vote of each Branch delegation, notice of the proposed change having been given at the previous annual meeting; but Article VIII shall not be changed except with the concurrence of the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

BY-LAWS  
OF THE  
GENERAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

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I. The General Executive Committee shall convene not later than the last week in October.

II. The annual meetings of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church shall be held in such places as the said committee shall elect.

III. The President and Corresponding Secretary of the Branch within whose precincts the meeting of the General Executive Committee is to be held, shall fix the exact date of the meeting of said committee, and arrange for the anniversary exercises.

IV. The Branch Corresponding Secretaries shall meet at least one day before the time of the meeting of the General Executive Committee, for the purpose of nominating the members of the Standing Committees, and planning work for its session, and report the same at the opening of said committee.

V. The Corresponding Secretary of the Branch within the bounds of which the committee convenes shall preside over its meetings until a permanent organization is effected.

VI. The order of business shall be as follows :

1. Calling the roll.
2. Election of President and Secretary.
3. Appointment of Standing Committees, *i. e.*, Committee on Publication, Committee on Finance, Committee on Application of Missionary Candidates, Committee on By-Laws.
4. Reception of Estimates, Memorials and Petitions.
5. Reports of Corresponding Secretaries.
6. Report of Committee of Reference.
7. Report of Constitutional Publication Committee.
8. Report of Official Correspondents and presentation of information from foreign work.
9. Fixing place of next meeting.
10. Notice of constitutional amendments.
11. Miscellaneous business.
12. Reports of Standing Committees daily, immediately after reading of minutes.

VII. The rules of order shall be as follows ;

1. Each session shall open and close with devotional exercises.
2. All resolutions to be discussed shall be presented in writing.
3. All ladies speaking, shall rise when they address the Chair.
4. No member shall be granted leave of absence except by a vote of the entire body.

VIII. It shall be the duty of the Recording Secretary of the General Executive Committee to forward to our foreign treasurers, as soon as practicable after adjournment, a copy of the appropriations for each Mission.

IX. The Secretary of each meeting of the General Executive Committee shall keep a full record of all proceedings, and enter them upon a suitable book of record, which shall be deposited in the safe of the *Heathen Woman's Friend*, and shall be transmitted to the next meeting of the General Executive Committee by the Corresponding Secretary of the New England Branch.

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## BY-LAWS

OF THE

### WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

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#### I.—BRANCH CORRESPONDING SECRETARIES.

1. The Branch Corresponding Secretaries shall superintend all the interests of their respective Branches; conduct the correspondence of the Society with foreign Missionaries; be present at all Branch quarterly meetings, and present a quarterly report of the work of the Branch, and give to the public, or direct to be given, all communications and plans of the business of their respective Branches.

2. Each Corresponding Secretary shall be required to furnish in her report to the General Executive Committee the following items: Number of Auxiliary Societies, members, life members, honorary patrons and managers, subscribers to the *Heathen Woman's Friend*, and the receipts of the treasurer. In her report of the foreign work she shall include the number of Missionaries, Bible readers, boarding schools, and orphans supported by her Branch.

#### II.—BRANCH TREASURERS.

1. Branch Treasurers shall be required to publish each month in the *Heathen Woman's Friend* their report of moneys received. They shall forward the appropriations immediately after the close of the General Executive Committee, according to the appropriations for the next year, sending them directly to the Foreign Treasurers.

2. The financial year of the Society shall commence October 1. Branch Treasurers shall close their accounts for the year by September 30, as nearly as possible.

3. The money received from annual membership shall not be used to make life members, honorary managers, or honorary patrons. Life membership shall be made by the payment of twenty dollars, given specifically



for that purpose. If in installments, the final payment shall be made as soon as practicable, and the membership reported as complete only when that has been done; all installments to be credited on the Treasurer's book, and acknowledged in the *Heathen Woman's Friend*.

4. In case any Branch is unable to meet the obligations it has assumed, any other Branch may, by the action of its Executive Board, be permitted to use its surplus funds in aid of the Branch deficient.

5. Any bequest or donation made to the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society shall be paid to the Treasurer of the Branch within whose territory the bequest or donation is made, unless otherwise specified by the donor.

### III.—FOREIGN TREASURERS.

1. Our foreign treasurers shall forward their estimates, properly approved, to the Corresponding Secretary of the New York Branch, that she may present them to the authorities of the General Missionary Society for their action, on or before the first of October.

2. The Treasurers in the foreign fields are instructed to make their financial reports to the Branch Corresponding Secretaries.

3. The Treasurers in the foreign fields are requested to forward promptly receipts for moneys received to the Branch Treasurers and Corresponding Secretaries.

4. The salary of our Missionaries shall be paid in foreign fields on the basis of American gold.

5. The funds of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society shall be entirely under the control of the General Executive Committee, to be used only for the purposes designated by that Committee. Our missionaries shall not exceed in expenditure the amount appropriated by the General Executive Committee. Emergencies arising during the year can be met only by application properly endorsed by missionary authorities, to the Committee of Reference.

6. If any surplus funds remain in the foreign treasuries from unused appropriations, exchange, or any other source, they must report to the Branches from whose moneys they accrue.

### IV.—OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENTS.

The Branch Corresponding Secretaries shall correspond with the Missionaries, so as to be able to present a full report of the work in each Mission, such information to be presented to the General Executive Committee, the fields assigned to the several Secretaries to be arranged by themselves.



## V.—THE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE.

1. The Committee of Reference shall be composed of the Branch Corresponding Secretaries.

2. It shall meet immediately after the adjournment of the General Executive Committee, and organize by the election of a Chairman and Secretary.

3. All cases of emergency that would come before the General Executive Committee, arising in the interim of its sessions, shall be submitted to this Committee, and decided by a majority vote.

4. The Chairman shall send each resolution that is submitted to the committee to each member, and when all have returned their votes, she shall declare the result, and order the secretary to record both resolution and votes.

5. The committee shall present a full report of its action during the year to the General Executive Committee for approval and permanent record.

## VI.—INSTRUCTIONS TO MISSIONARIES.

We call the attention of the Missionaries of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society especially to Article VIII, Section 3, of Constitution, in compliance with which they will consult the superintendent of the mission in which they are laboring on all general plans of their work, and advise with him as to the most effective measures to be taken in the purchase of property, building and any important undertaking belonging to their special interest.

1. They are expected to attend the annual meeting or conference of their mission, that they may confer with other members of the mission upon all topics connected with their own department, and will report quarterly to the superintendent.

2. They will be expected to devote their entire time and attention to their legitimate work, as all their temporal necessities will be provided for by the Society.

3. They are required to send annual and quarterly reports to the Corresponding Secretary having charge of their work, and the action of the General Executive Committee will be communicated to them through that secretary or the correspondent appointed for their field by said committee, and no other instructions are to be considered as official.

4. They, with the wives of Missionaries who labor in the interest of the Society, shall constitute a committee to prepare, at each session of the conference or annual meeting of the Missionaries, the estimates for the ensuing year, which estimates shall have the sanction of said conference or annual meeting before being forwarded to the General Executive Committee.

5. They shall incur no expense during the year to be met by this Society, for which the estimate has not previously been submitted to and approved by the General Executive Committee at its annual meeting.

6. They shall credit to the Society all donations received for the support of their work, and annually report the same with their financial statement.

7. All solicitations for funds for special work must be made through the proper official authorities, and Missionaries are instructed not to apply to private sources for aid for support of their work.

8. A Medical Missionary shall be accountable to the Branch from which she is sent. She shall keep an itemized account of all receipts and disbursements; such receipts may be used for necessary expenses in her medical work; any surplus being remitted to the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, and her medical outfit shall be the property of the same.

9. If there prove to be a manifest unfitness for Missionary labor, the General Executive Committee may cancel its obligations to a Missionary whom it has appointed, three months' notice having been given to such appointee by the Committee of Reference, return passage to be paid by the Society, provided she return at the expiration of the three months.

10. A lady Missionary desiring her expenses paid by the Society for a return home from any other cause than that of ill health, must secure permission from the General Executive Committee or Committee of Reference through the Corresponding Secretary of the Branch supporting her.

11. All rules pertaining to the relations of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church with its Missionaries shall be published in the General Annual Report.

12. The Corresponding Secretary of the Branch by which any Missionary is sent shall be required to sign the following contract: I, ———, Corresponding Secretary of ——— Branch, by which the money is raised for the support of ———, agree on the part of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, to pay the traveling expenses of ——— from the time of her leaving home to that of her arrival in her field of labor, and also her salary from the latter date. In case of illness, I agree, on the part of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, to submit a resolution to the General Executive Committee, or in the interim of its sessions, to the Committee of Reference, asking the privilege of her return home. Such permission being granted, I agree to pay her return passage; and in case her relations to the Society are harmonious, her salary for the first year, at the rate of three hundred and fifty dollars, or if it be inexpedient for her to return, at the rate of three hundred dollars.

In case of emergency demanding her immediate return home, she shall bring a certificate of disability from a physician and the superintendent of the Mission.

13. We agree to pay our Missionaries \$200 for personal outfit, and \$100 for the furnishing of the home, the latter to be the property of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.

14. Each returned Missionary shall be expected to attend the first General Executive Committee session after her return, and her traveling expenses to and from the place of meeting shall be met by the Branch supporting her.

15. We accept the relation of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society to the authorities of the church and to our workers in the field, as interpreted by the delegated conference in India, in their session of 1881, as follows :

#### OFFICIAL RELATION OF LADY MISSIONARIES.

1. Definition of relations of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, as given by the bishops, in May, 1881.

To the ladies of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society :—

To your questions we respectfully reply, as follows :

1st. We take the liberty to refer you to our action bearing date November 22nd, 1877, a copy of which is as follows :

#### "TEACHERS IN MISSION SCHOOLS."

In the judgment of the bishops it is not within the right of the superintendent of a Mission to remove lay teachers from the schools to which they have been appointed, nor to interfere authoritatively with the internal arrangements of the schools, unless such right be expressly granted by the missionary authorities at New York.

2nd. In case of difference between appointee and the Mission (including the superintendent), which cannot be adjusted between the parties without unreasonable delay, we recommend that such difference, with the papers and facts, be referred by the parties to the bishop in charge, for final decision.

3d. It is our judgment that the missionaries sent by the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society should be permitted to be present at the meetings of the Mission, and to speak on all matters relating to their work.

Most respectfully and sincerely,

WILLIAM L. HARRIS.

WHEREAS, Certain usages having grown up and been found acceptable and successful in connection with our older mission fields in India, we deem it expedient to formulate the same in the following rules :

2. In general : The position of a lady Missionary, placed in charge of work in connection with any of our circuits or stations, is the same as that of a second Missionary or "junior preacher" to whom special work is assigned.

3. In particular: The general plan of work, such as establishing new schools, employing and dismissing head teachers, arranging terms of tuition, board, etc., and preparing a course of study, when these matters are not fixed by an Educational Committee, selecting classes of people among whom work may be most successfully carried on, arranging dispensaries and deciding the proportion of medical work to be given to natives and Europeans, Christians and non-Christians, etc., all such *general plans* shall be arranged by the lady in charge of the special department of work, after free consultation with the Superintendent or Presiding Elder.

4. The lady Missionary in charge of work has full liberty to do the work assigned her in her own way, and to carry out the internal arrangement of her department in the manner which she deems best adapted to secure success.

5. The relation of the Superintendent or Presiding Elder to the work under the charge of a lady is the same as it would be were it under the charge of a Member of Conference — he having a general advisory supervision, auditing the accounts (when not done by trustees), making suggestions, etc., exactly as with all the other work of his district.

6. Lady Missionaries in charge of work, and all Missionaries of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, are appointed by the President of Conference, at the same time and in the same manner that the appointments of Conference are made. Should, however, a President of Conference at any time decline so to appoint, the Superintendent or Presiding Elders in Council will arrange the same.

7. All new buildings or expensive repairs or changes shall receive the sanction of Superintendent or Presiding Elder, even though no appropriation of money be asked.

8. A class of laborers are employed in our work, known as "assistants." In the employment or dismissal of these ladies, the consent of the Superintendent of Mission or of the Presiding Elder must be secured. They may be transferred by the Presiding Elder, with the consent of the lady in charge of the department in which they are employed. When these lady assistants, being members of our church, by several years of faithful service, have come to be received as belonging permanently to our body of laborers, they may, on the recommendation of the Ladies' Society, when such exists, or by quarterly Conference, be formally recognized by Conference, and appointed the same as lady Missionaries are.

9. In case of a transfer of a lady Missionary or an "assistant" from one Conference or charge to another, a written permission shall be secured, signed by Superintendent or Presiding Elder in whose jurisdiction the person may be employed, when, according to the condition in Rule 7, the engagement may be completed.

## REQUIREMENTS OF MISSIONARY CANDIDATES.

1. Each Branch shall appoint a standing committee of five, of which the Branch Corresponding Secretary shall be chairman, who shall investigate the case of any candidate within the limits of the Branch, and shall supply such candidate with blank for health certificate and constitutional questions, to be filled out and answered by her; and when practicable, a personal interview shall be had with the lady, by two or more of the committee before her papers are forwarded to the Reference Committee or the committee appointed at the General Executive Meeting. The Corresponding Secretary of the Branch presenting Missionary candidates, shall have a personal interview with each lady presented, before her final appointment to a foreign field.

2. A Missionary candidate must believe herself Divinely called to the work of a foreign Missionary, and assert her belief that she is actuated only by a desire to act in accordance with God's will.

3. She must here indicate her ability to work in a foreign field by Christian usefulness at home.

4. She must declare her intention to make foreign missionary work the service of her effective years and agree to give at least five years of continuous service, as a single woman, to the work of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, unless prevented by ill-health; this is not to be understood in the sense that the obligation to remain in the field ceases at five years, but that her obligation to refund passage and outfit money is binding for that length of time; she must also assert her willingness to labor in any field, though her preference is always to be taken into account.

6. The age of a candidate must not be less than twenty-five years, nor more than thirty. A thorough intellectual training, with a facility in acquiring languages, and a remarkable ability for Christian work, may be considered as a sufficient reason for deviation from this rule.

7. Financial and executive ability, and power of adaptation to circumstances, are essential qualifications.

8. She must present a certificate of health from a competent physician, and give satisfactory answers to the medical questions authorized by the General Executive Committee of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.

9. Every missionary candidate is required to sign the following contract:

I,———,agree to conform to the above requirements and conditions while in the employ of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, and failing in this, to refund the amount of outfit and passage money.



10. After the adoption of a missionary candidate, she shall be regarded as under the direction of the General Executive Committee, and of the Committee of Reference, in the interim of the sessions of that committee.

11. The case of any accepted candidate not sent out during the year shall be brought before the General Executive Committee at its next session.

12. The testimonials of missionary candidates shall cover the following particulars: Divine call, religious experience and usefulness, intellectual qualities and culture, business and natural ability, and health. In order to fulfil these conditions, the candidate is requested to answer the following questions:

1. Do you trust that you are inwardly moved by the Holy Ghost to take upon you the work of a foreign missionary?

2. Do you desire and intend to make this your life work, and are you willing to labor in any field?

3. Have you experimental knowledge of salvation through the atonement of Jesus Christ our Lord?

4. Have you an earnest desire to win souls to Christ, and how has this desire been manifest in the past?

5. Do you believe in the doctrines of the Methodist Episcopal Church, as set forth in section 2 of the Discipline?

6. Have you a thorough English education?

7. Have you studied Latin or any modern language; what proficiency have you made, and do you readily acquire the same?

8. In what schools have you taught and with what success?

9. Have you a knowledge of music, either vocal or instrumental?

10. What is the condition of your health?

11. Have you ever been married? If so, is your husband living?

12. Will you answer by *testimonials* to each of these questions?

#### VII.—HEATHEN WOMAN'S FRIEND.

1. The paper of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society shall be known as the *Heathen Woman's Friend*.

2. Its editor and agent shall be elected annually by the General Executive Committee.

3. In the interim of the sessions of the General Executive Committee, the management of the paper shall be under the control of the Publication Committee provided by the Constitution.

#### VIII.—CONSTITUTIONAL PUBLICATION COMMITTEE.

1. This committee shall be composed of the Branch Corresponding Secretaries.



2. It shall meet and organize immediately after the adjournment of the General Executive Committee, by the election of a Chairman and Secretary.

3. The agent of the *Heathen Woman's Friend* shall give the Chairman an itemized report of the receipts and expenditures of the paper, properly audited, by the 1st of October, and another six months thereafter. If she finds it necessary to deviate from the published instructions of the General Executive Committee, she shall lay the matter before this committee, and be subject to its direction.

4. A committee of five shall be appointed annually by the Constitutional Publication Committee, to whom shall be intrusted the investment and control of the funds of the *Heathen Woman's Friend*.

5. The agent of the *Heathen Woman's Friend* shall commence and close her financial year with October 1.

6. If the office of editor or agent becomes vacant during the year, this committee shall have the power to fill the vacancy.

7. The traveling expenses of either the editor or agent of the *Heathen Woman's Friend*, and of the chairman of Literature Committee, to and from the sessions of the General Executive Committee, shall be paid from the funds of the *Heathen Woman's Friend*.

8. There shall be a Literature Committee, whose work shall be to edit the annual Report, to provide leaflets, uniform readings, lesson leaves, and other helps for monthly and public meetings, and to superintend all publications of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.

9. That in no case shall the amount used in publishing interests, or for any other demands, infringe upon a capital of 5,000 dollars, to be retained in the treasury of the *Heathen Woman's Friend*.

10. When the surplus funds of the *Heathen Woman's Friend* will justify such expenditure, the traveling expenses of returned missionaries to the first General Executive Committee Meeting occurring after their return home, shall be paid from the treasury of the *Heathen Woman's Friend*.

11. This Committee shall meet prior to each session of the General Executive Committee, and report to that body the work of the year.

12. These By-Laws may be amended at any meeting of the General Executive Committee, by a two-thirds vote of the members present.

#### IX.—ZENANA PAPER.

1. The Constitutional Publication Committee shall take charge of the funds raised for the endowment of the Zenana Paper, and control of their investment and expenditure, and have the general supervision of the interests of the paper.

2. The Corresponding Secretary of each Branch shall have the control of the investment of the funds raised for the support of the Zenana Paper, within the bounds of her Branch, with the approval of the Constitutional Publication Committee; the interest on investments to be paid semi-annually to the Treasurer of the Zenana Paper.

3. The Woman's Conference in India shall nominate a Committee consisting of five persons, three ladies and two gentlemen, one of whom shall be the publisher, to supervise the interests of the Paper, and arrange with the Press Committee for editing and publishing the Zenana Paper in the various languages and dialects required; these nominations to be subject to the approval of the Constitutional Publication Committee in America.

4. The Corresponding Secretary of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society in India, shall send an Annual Report of the Zenana Paper to the Chairman of the Constitutional Publication Committee, with the amount of circulation and items of interest, in time to be presented to the General Executive Committee Meeting in America.

5. The Treasurer in India of the funds of the Zenana Paper shall furnish the Constitutional Publication Committee an annual report of the receipts and expenditures of said Paper, in time to be presented to the Annual Meeting of the General Executive Committee in America.

6. A Report on the Zenana Paper shall be published in the annual report of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.

7. The Treasurer of the Zenana Paper Funds in America shall send the interest on the investments direct to the Treasurer of the Zenana Paper in India, only upon order of the Chairman of Constitutional Publication Committee.

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## BOOKS SUITABLE FOR REFERENCE BY AUXILIARIES.

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### BY METHODIST AUTHORS.

Missions and Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, by J. M. Reid, D. D. 2 vols., \$3.00.

Doomed Religions. Essays on the Heathen and Mohammedan Faiths, by various authors. \$1.50.

The Land of the Veda, by Rev. Wm. Butler, D. D. \$3.50.

From Boston to Bareilly, or Origin and Progress of M. E. India Mission, by Rev. Wm. Butler, D. D. \$1.50.

Indian Missionary Directory, by Rev. B. H. Badley, D. D. \$1.50.

Missionary Life in India, by Rev. T. J. Scott, D. D. \$1.50.

Gems of India, by Mrs. E. J. Humphrey. \$1.25.

Six years in India, by Mrs. E. J. Humphrey. \$1.00.

India: Country, People, Missions, by J. T. Gracey, D. D. \$1.00 cloth; paper, 50 cents.

Hand Book of India and British Burmah, by Rev. W. E. Robbins.

Four years in India, by Bishop Wm. Taylor.

The Mela at Tulsipur (for children), by Rev. B. H. Badley, D. D. \$1.50.

Our Oriental Missions, by Bishop E. Thomson. 2 vols., \$2.00.

Round the World, by Bishop C. Kingsley. 2 vols., \$2.00.

The Orient and its People, by Mrs. I. L. Hauser. \$1.25.

Women of the Orient, by Rev. Ross C. Houghton, D. D. \$1.50.

Brahmoism, by Ram Chandra Bose.

Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, by Mary Sparkes Wheeler. \$1.50.

Woman's Medical Work in Foreign Lands, by Mrs. J. T. Gracey. 30 cts.

Woman's Work in the Zenanas of India, by Rev. Wm. Arthur, D. D. 10 cts.

Historical Sketches of Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies. Mrs. L. H. Daggett. 75cts.

Woman and Missions, J. T. Gracey, D. D. 10cts.

The Foreigner in China, by L. N. Wheeler, D. D. \$1.25.

China and Japan, by Bishop Wiley. \$1.25.

China: Country, People, Missions, by J. T. Gracey, D. D. 15cts.

Christian Adventures in South Africa, by Bishop Wm. Taylor.

Our South American Cousins, by Bishop Wm. Taylor.

Our Next Door Neighbor, (Mexico), by Bishop Gilbert Haven.

Mexico, by Mrs. J. C. Shattuck. 15cts.

Sister Ridnour's Sacrifice, by Mrs. C. F. Wilder. \$1.00.

Open Doors, Opportunities and Needs of all Foreign Fields, J. T. Gracey, D. D. 15cts.

Glimpses into Chinese Homes, Miss E. Yates. 30cts.

Peeps at Real Girls in China; Famous Filials; In Boats, Carts, Homes and Hearts in China; Miss Clara Cushman. 10cts.

Missionary Addresses, by Bp. Thoburn. 40cts.

La Platte Countries, by Mrs. E. J. Clemens.

2000 Miles through the Heart of Mexico, by Rev. Dr. McCarthy.

Around the World, (ch. South), Hendrix.

Any of the above can be obtained of the agent, Miss P. J. Walden, 36 Bromfield Street, Boston.

## MISSIONARY PERIODICALS.

- The Heathen Woman's Friend*, 36 Bromfield St., Boston, Mass.  
 The Gospel in all Lands, \$2.00 per year, } Address, Gospel in all Lands,  
 The Missionary World, 25c. per year, } Methodist Book Rooms, 805  
 The Little Missionary, 25c. per year, } Broadway, New York City.  
 The *Woman's Advocate of Missions*, } M. E. Church So., Nashville, Tenn.  
 The Advocate of Missions, }  
 The Baptist Missionary Magazine, } Tremont Temple, Boston, Mass.  
 The *Helping Hand*, }  
 The *Missionary Helper*, Free Baptist, Providence, R. I.  
 The Missionary Herald, } Congregational House, Boston, Mass.  
 Life and Light, }  
 The Church at Home and Abroad, Presbyterian Publishing House, Phil-  
 adelphia, Pa.  
 Children's Work for Children, Presbyterian Publishing House, Philadel-  
 phia, Pa.  
*Woman's Work for Woman*, (Presbyterian), 23 Centre St., New York.  
 The Missionary, (Presbyterian), So. Richmond, Va.

## ACT OF INCORPORATION.

STATE OF NEW YORK, }  
 CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK. } ss :

We, the undersigned, Caroline R. Wright, Anna A. Harris, Sarah K. Cornell and Harriet B. Skidmore, of the City of New York, and Susan A. Sayre, of the City of Brooklyn, being all citizens of the United States of America, and citizens of the State of New York, do hereby, pursuant to and in conformity with the Act of the Legislature of the State of New York, passed on April 12th, 1848, entitled "An Act for the incorporation of benevolent, charitable and missionary societies," and the several Acts of the said Legislature amendatory thereof, associate ourselves together and form a body politic and corporate, under the name and style of "The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church," which we certify is the name or title by which said Society shall be known in law. And we do further hereby certify, that the particular business and object of said Society is to engage and unite the efforts of Christian Women in sending female missionaries to women in foreign mission fields of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and in supporting them and native Christian teachers and Bible readers in those fields.

That the number of Managers to manage the business and affairs of said Society shall be seventeen, and that the names of such managers of said Society for the first year of its existence are: Lucy A. Alderman, Sarah L. Keen, Ellen T. Cowen, Hannah M. W. Hill, Mary C. Nind, Elizabeth K. Stanley, Harriet M. Shattuck, Isabel Hart, Caroline R. Wright, Harriet B. Skidmore, Rachel L. Goodier, Annie R. Gracey, Harriet D. Fisher, Sarah K. Cornell, Anna A. Harris, Ordella M. Hillman, and Susan A. Sayre.

That the place of Business or principal office of said Society shall be in the City and County of New York, in the State of New York.

Witness our hands and seals this 20th day of December, A. D. 1884.

Caroline R. Wright.	[Seal]
Anna A. Harris.	"
Harriet B. Skidmore.	"
Sarah K. Cornell.	"
Susan A. Sayre.	"

STATE OF NEW YORK,        }  
CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK. } ss :

On this 20th day of December, 1884, before me personally came and appeared Caroline R. Wright, Anna A. Harris, Harriet B. Skidmore, and Sarah K. Cornell, to me known and to me personally known to be the individuals described in and who executed the foregoing certificate, and they severally duly acknowledged to me that they executed the same.

ANDREW LEMON,

[NOTARY'S SEAL.]

*Notary Public, (58)  
New York County.*

STATE OF NEW YORK, COUNTY OF KINGS, }  
CITY OF BROOKLYN, } ss :

On this 22d day of December, A. D., 1884, before me personally came Susan A. Sayre, to me known and known to me to be one of the individuals described in and who executed the foregoing certificate, and duly acknowledged to me that she executed the same.

F. G. MINTRAM,

[NOTARY'S SEAL.]

*Notary Public for Kings Co.*

STATE OF NEW YORK, }  
COUNTY OF KINGS, } ss :

I, Rodney Thursby, Clerk of the County of Kings and Clerk of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, in and for said county, (said court being a Court of Record), Do HEREBY CERTIFY, that F. G. Min-

tram, whose name is subscribed to the Certificate of Proof, or acknowledgment of the annexed instrument, and thereon written, was, at the time of taking such proof or acknowledgment, a Notary Public, of the State of New York, in and for the said County of Kings, dwelling in said County, commissioned and sworn, and duly authorized to take the same. And, further, that I am well acquainted with the handwriting of such Notary, and verily believe the signature to the said Certificate is genuine, and that said instrument is executed and acknowledged according to the Laws of the State of New York.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said County and Court, this 24th day of December, 1884.

[SEAL.]

RODNEY THURSBY, *Clerk.*

(Endorsed.)

THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

Certificate of Incorporation, December 27, 1884.

I, the undersigned, one of the Justices of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, for the first Judicial District, do hereby approve the within certificate, and do consent that the same be filed pursuant to the provisions of an Act of the Legislature of the State of New York, entitled "An Act for the incorporation of benevolent, charitable, scientific and missionary societies," passed April 12th, 1848, and the several Acts extending and amending said Act. Dated New York, Dec. 26, 1884.

ABM. R. LAWRENCE, *J. S. C.*

STATE OF NEW YORK, }  
CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK, } ss:

I, James A. Flack, Clerk of the said City and County, and Clerk of the Supreme Court of said State for said County, do certify, that I have compared the preceding with the original Certificate of Incorporation of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, on file in my office, and that the same is a correct transcript therefrom, and of the whole of such original. Endorsed, filed and recorded, Dec. 27th, 1884, 1 hour, 25 minutes.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto subscribed my name, and affixed my official seal, this 12th day of November, 1888.

[SEAL.]

JAMES A. FLACK, *Clerk.*



# Twentieth Annual Report

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# SESSIONS

## OF THE

### GENERAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

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Since the organization of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society the General Executive Committee has had its sessions in the following places:—

1	in	1870,	in the	City of	Boston, Mass.
2	"	1871,	"	"	Chicago, Ill.
3	"	1872,	"	"	New York City.
4	"	1873,	"	"	Cincinnati, O.
5	"	1874,	"	"	Philadelphia, Pa.
6	"	1875,	"	"	Baltimore, Md.
7	"	1876,	"	"	Washington, D. C.
8	"	1877,	"	"	Minneapolis, Minn.
9	"	1878,	"	"	Boston, Mass.
10	"	1879,	"	"	Chicago, Ill.
11	"	1880,	"	"	Columbus, O.
12	"	1881,	"	"	Buffalo, N. Y.
13	"	1882,	"	"	Philadelphia, Pa.
14	"	1883,	"	"	Des Moines, Iowa.
15	"	1884,	"	"	Baltimore, Md.
16	"	1885,	"	"	Evanston, Ill.
17	"	1886,	"	"	Providence, R. I.
18	"	1887,	"	"	Lincoln, Neb.
19	"	1888,	"	"	Cincinnati, O.
20	"	1889,	"	"	Detroit, Mich.

# Meeting of the General Executive Committee.

## TWENTIETH SESSION.

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The Twentieth Annual Session of the General Executive Committee of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society convened in Central church, Detroit, Mich., on Wednesday, October 23, 1889. Everything to make the meeting a success was done by the Methodist Ladies of the city.

For eight days the secretaries and delegates gave the most careful, thoughtful and prayerful consideration to the needs of the great work committed to their hands. Meetings commenced at 9 o'clock, and continued all day, and often until a late hour in the night. At the roll call, the Pacific Branch answered for the first time.

The following Missionaries were in attendance; Miss Thoburn of India, Miss Gheer of Japan, also Miss Russell, who after ten years' work in Nagasaki, Japan, has returned for a much needed rest; Dr. Kate Corey who spent some time in Medical work in Foochow, China. Miss Swaney connected with the Mexico Orphanage for some years, was present as a delegate of the Topeka Branch. Several accepted Missionary Candidates were also present.

Meetings were held every afternoon, conducted by these returned Missionaries. A number of visitors were in attendance, among whom were Mrs. Bishop Newman and Mrs. Bishop Walden. The latter gave a very interesting address upon the Society's work in Mexico, having recently returned from a visit to our Missions in that country.

Mrs. Lucy Rider Myer, M. D., was also present, and represented the work of the Chicago Missionary Training School.

The Twentieth Anniversary was held on Sabbath evening, and was largely attended. Mrs. H. B. Skidmore presided, and the address was made by Dr. Corey of China.

Very impressive Memorial services were held Friday Afternoon October 25th, for Mrs. E. A. B. Hoag, late Corresponding Secretary of the North Western Branch. The services were in charge of Mrs. Alderman, and all the Secretaries occupied the altar, and spoke tender and appreciative words concerning their late associate.

The Committee adjourned on Thursday Afternoon. The result of their deliberations, with reports from the Home and Foreign fields will be found in the pages of this report. Please give it careful study.

OFFICERS AND DELEGATES  
OF THE  
GENERAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
OF THE  
Woman's Foreign Missionary Society,  
1889.

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## GENERAL SUMMARY.

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[The following Summary of the year's work was read at the 20th Anniversary of the Society, in Central Church, Detroit, on Sunday evening, October 27th, 1889, by the Secretary of the General Executive Committee, Mrs. J. T. Gracey.]

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"WHAT makes you think and talk so much about Missions, Auntie?" said a cultivated young lady to an old colored woman. "Why, dear child," answered the old saint, 'I've got the love of the sweet Lord Jesus in my heart, and I wants all the other folks to know and love Him too!' This reply comprehends the spirit of all missionary work. The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society was organized that through its various agencies it might extend the knowledge of Christ, and that "all the other folks might know and love Him."

We are here to celebrate the twentieth anniversary of this organization, and it is a time of importance and great historic interest. Looking back only twenty years we see a few consecrated women, moved by an inspiration as high as heaven, broad as suffering humanity, meeting in the city of Boston to lay plans, not for themselves or their own advancement, but plans to carry the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ to the millions of women over the world; women whom they had never seen, and never expected to see, but women whom they loved.

An incident is related of a man, wasted and worn, and in great need, who sat by the way-side, but never uttered a word concerning his condition. His appeal was voiceless. The crowd passed by, but his misery did not touch them. At last the sympathetic heart of one was moved, and he exclaimed, "Why don't you beg?" "Beg," said he, "my condition speaks as with a thousand tongues!" For many years the great crowd passed by unmoved, but when the condition of heathen women became known to us, it spoke "as with a thousand tongues."

As we stand upon this mount of observation, it is impossible to estimate results. We cannot tell how many in these years have found out that they have souls, or how many have felt the throbbings of a new life, or the inspiration of a Christian hope. With many, the daily monotonous round of cares has been cheered by the presence of One, who has appeared as a reconciled Father, while the nameless dread of a thousand

evils has given place to a confiding trust in Christ. The idol, the amulet and the charm, have lost their power over many of the weary burdened daughters of the East, while they have felt the uplifting power of the Cross.

In prosecuting this work for twenty years, the workers have had many and varied experiences, but with Joshua, they have marched around the cities of difficulty and indifference, and conquered them.

As we review the way our "Lord did bring us," like Samuel of old, we raise our Ebenezer, and with Miriam's song on our lips, we say, with full and overflowing hearts: "Sing ye to the Lord for He hath triumphed gloriously."

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### HOME WORK.

We have "enlarged the place of our tent" during the year, "lengthened our cords," and "strengthened the stakes," for in January the Pacific Branch was formally organized, and her representative appears for the first time in the Annual Executive Board. "And thou shalt spread abroad to the West."

The New England Branch, the birthplace of the Society, celebrated its twentieth anniversary by a general re-union, a family gathering, and placed in the Tremont St. Church, where the organization was effected, a memorial window, bearing the names of the original founders, in commemoration not only of the great work accomplished, but as a fitting tribute to the devoted band of workers through whose untiring efforts the Society became an established fact. This was the free-will offering of individuals, not societies. It was a singular coincidence that of those who met twenty years ago to organize, all were present at this anniversary, with one exception, Mrs. E. W. Parker, who is in active work in India.

A thank-offering day was observed throughout all the Branches, and resulted in a donation for special work in Foochow, China, and Lucknow, India.

A new experience has come with this year; one of the leaders has fallen at her post. The North-Western Branch has lost its standard bearer. Mrs. E. A. B. Hoag, the efficient Corresponding Secretary, died at her home in Albion, Mich., September 26th. Loving the Master and loving His work, she sacrificed comfort and strength to service. In the October number of the *Heathen Woman's Friend* is a letter from her pen, written only a few days before her death, and it seems like a voice from the skies not only to her Branch, but to each individual member, that we "pledge the deepest love and devotion of our souls to this great work."



The Philadelphia Branch has had a peculiar experience this past year, for the floods had something to do with the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society. In the Central Pennsylvania Conference, destruction was on every hand. In one place lunch had been prepared for an all-day gathering, and many were starting from their homes, when the waters rushed in, carpets had to be taken up, furniture moved, children cared for, and personal safety sought, only to see earthly possessions swept away.

In that awful and ever-to-be-remembered night, which brought death and desolation to so many, eight members of the Johnstown Auxiliary were swept into eternity, with a number of children who were members of the Band. Immediately preceding the disaster the Treasurer of the Auxiliary had deposited her money in the bank, which was afterwards forwarded for those whose souls are in peril.

While home workers have carried heavy burdens, they have been encouraged by the fact that there has been a general advance in all departments of this great and growing work. Looking carefully over the year, we find the statistics as follows: Auxiliary Societies 4,805, increase 41; Members 111,623, increase 2,352. Young Ladies' Societies 632, increase 224; Members 13,366. Children's Bands 594, Members 10,240. Total Organizations 5,531, a total increase of 82; Total Membership 135,229, with increase of 8,051. Life Members 10,079, Conference Secretaries 79, District Secretaries 289, Life Patrons 81, Honorary Managers 485.

The Society has had the largest income the past year of any in its history, and we gratefully record the fact that every Branch has advanced its contributions, and met all financial obligations.

The financial record is as follows :

New England Branch,	-	-	\$32,663.09
New York        “	-	-	43,151.20
Philadelphia   “	-	-	23,256.79
Baltimore       “	-	-	9,365.79
Cincinnati     “	-	-	34,306.39
North Western  “	-	-	45,981.79
Des Moines      “	-	-	15,709.75
Minneapolis    “	-	-	9,878.71
Topeka          “	-	-	10,146.24
Pacific         “	-	-	2,036.40
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Total for year,	-	-	\$226,496.15
Amount for 1888,	-	-	206,308.69
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Advance for 1889,	-	-	\$20,187.46

## GERMAN WORK.

This Branch of work is represented in Europe by 52 Auxiliary Societies and 919 members. Of these 18 Auxiliaries are in the Swiss Conference and 34 in the German Conference.

In the United States there are Organizations in seven German Conferences, 141 Auxiliaries with 3,163 Members, making a total of 191 Auxiliaries with 4,082 Members. Subscribers to the *Heiden Frauen Freund*, 2,829.

## LITERATURE.

The Society for several years has recognized the fact that the provision of a proper literature is one of its most important tasks, and the publication department is now a great power.

The *Heathen Woman's Friend* is vital to the interests of the Society, serving as a medium of communication between missionaries and societies. This paper now has a circulation of 19,834. The miscellaneous literature provided, consisting of Annual Reports, Leaflets, Appeals, Monthly Studies, Children's Paper, and Biographical Sketches of prominent workers, has been distributed in the Auxiliaries from the Atlantic to the Pacific coasts. Over two millions and a half pages have been scattered gratuitously, and others for which a nominal sum has been asked.\*

## MISSIONARIES.

In some localities new interest has been developed by the outgoing missionary, while in other places deep sympathy has been awakened by the return of some, completely broken in health, showing the great need for more workers in the great harvest fields.

Our Missions in Japan have been reinforced during the year by the arrival of Miss Anna French, Miss Frances E. Phelps, Miss Maud Simons, Miss Mary E. Pardoe, and Miss Augusta Dickerson. Miss Elsie Wood has been sent to South America, Miss Anna M. Rodgers and Miss Theda Parker to Mexico, Miss S. McBurnie and Miss Black to India. Miss Sparkes has returned to India, and commenced work in Muttra. Miss Knowles has also returned and been appointed to the school in Calcutta, and Dr. Swain has returned (though not now connected with the Society) to resume her labors in the territory of the Prince of Rajputana.

Miss Everding, after six years of efficient work in Japan, returned to her home in Syracuse very much prostrated. Dr. Howard, of Seoul, Korea, unable to carry her work because of illness, has been compelled to return to her home in Albion, Mich. Miss Russell, after ten years of arduous and continuous work in Nagasaki, Japan, has returned for a period of rest.

## FOREIGN WORK.

There is no department of this increasing and many-sided work which has not been signally owned and marked by God's blessing. We can only glance at the work of our *ninety-eight* representatives in the various fields, who, with their assistants and native helpers, are training women and children in the principles of a Christian education, or entering the homes to carry the message, or administering medical help at the bedside of the sick and suffering. That the work is widening everywhere is evident from the fact that, during the year, unprecedented demands have come from mission fields for increased appropriations. A spirit of revival has been experienced in nearly all our Mission Schools, and many have been received into the church.

In Northern India, in one District alone, there are more than three hundred intelligent native Christian women, five hundred Christian girls in high-grade schools, and nine hundred in schools of all grades, with fifty young women, wives of students, preparing for Christian work; all these exerting an influence for Christ. In addition, there are twelve Christian girls studying in the Medical College, and the youngest institution—the Deaconess Home in Muttra—has a number in training for evangelistic work. In the various stations occupied by the workers of the Society in the North India Conference, more than ten thousand women are receiving instruction, and of this number, over six thousand receive regular religious training, and over four thousand homes are regularly visited by the two hundred and twenty Bible Women.

The Medical work has been successful, and about twenty-five thousand women have been treated in the Dispensaries and Homes by our physicians.

From *South India* comes intelligence of the conversion of a prominent Hindu, through the influence of one of the Society's workers, who was baptized in the face of great opposition, and received into the church. From Madras comes the announcement of the death of Mrs. M. A. Rudisill, who has been the efficient Editor of the Tamil edition of our Zenana paper, and who has been engaged in every department of work that would help native women. It is said no death ever occurred in the city that caused such universal sorrow.

Then comes a story from Madras of the conversion of a woman in a zenana who was an intense sufferer, and we are told how even bodily pain seemed soothed as she whispered the name of Jesus; of her earnest longing for baptism, that, living or dying, she might be the Lord's, and begging not to be buried with heathen rites, partaking of the Lord's Supper in her heathen home, and some of the relatives kneeling and repeating the Lord's prayer. No altar, no tables spread, but the elements on a chair, right underneath the household gods! What a sight!

*China.* In Foochow, a large and convenient property for school purposes has been purchased, where Chinese girls may receive training of a high grade. An evangelistic tour of "forty days" was made by one of our Missionaries, in which fifteen hundred women were told, "In all your afflictions, He was afflicted." Sixteen schools were visited, thirty-two meetings attended, thirty-six visits made in heathen homes, and five hundred miles travelled in Chinese boats and sedan chairs.

In *Central China*, both school and medical work has prospered. A riot occurred in Chinkiang, near the Mission premises, but our missionaries and property escaped injury.

From *Northern China*, a missionary writes from Peking: "We are so glad, after all these years of patient toil, to see growth and increase." She tells of the Spirit's outpouring on the girls, and of a woman begging forgiveness of sins, who says, "How can I be forgiven; I have forty years of sin?"

*Japan.* "The schools in Japan, under the W. F. M. S., are a credit to any body of Christian workers," says a gentleman from Tokyo. Every building is crowded, and twelve missionaries are needed at once. The Japanese plead for the ladies to enter the Government school at Kago-shima, offering to provide a home, and giving them the privilege of teaching Christianity without opposition.

New work was commenced in the large and important city of Nagoya. A school was opened Oct. 3d, 1888, with thirty-four pupils, which now has eighty-six, all self-supporting. Several of these girls were converted, and at the close of the year twenty-six returned to their homes earnest Christians. In Tokyo, one hundred and twenty-two girls were in the school; eleven graduated,—all Christians but one. In Hakodati, one hundred and sixteen; Nagasaki, one hundred and ninety; Fukuoka ninety girls are receiving a Christian education.

*Mexico.* Never has the work of the Society been in a more prosperous condition, in every respect, than the past year. Everywhere new or larger accommodations are needed, and a great religious interest has developed. A Mexican pastor reports fifty thousand Scripture verses repeated by the girls in the Pachuca school. There are nine hundred and thirty-five girls in our schools in Mexico.

*Korea.* The work here has been somewhat hindered by the return of the Medical Missionary, and the ill-health and absence of another. Twenty-two girls are in the school studying under great disadvantages, having no grammar, dictionary, or translation of the Bible.

*Bulgaria.* Notwithstanding the efforts of the Government to hinder the spread of true religion, the schools have been prosperous, and a

number of pupils have been brought into the church, and some have been sent out to do Christian work.

*Italy.* Some Bible women are at work at various points. An Orphanage and Home has been established in Rome during the year, with seventeen children.

*South America.* In the two schools at Rosario 250 children have been in attendance, and in Montevideo are ten schools with 630 pupils.

Thus we but hastily review this marvellous work. An English soldier on being asked how long a time it would take to publish a proclamation throughout the whole world, replied, "he thought it could be done in eighteen months if promptly attended to by all persons having the matter in charge."

It is given to us to publish the proclamation of the King of Kings throughout this weary world as speedily as possible. Let it be attended to with all haste.

"The business of the King needs haste  
For time is flying;  
This business of the King needs haste  
For women are dying."

MRS. J. T. GRACEY.

## REPORT OF FOREIGN WORK.

### OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENTS.

South America, North China and Yokohama, Japan.... MRS. ALDERMAN.  
 Rohilkund District, India; Korea; and Central China. MRS. SKIDMORE.  
 Mexico; and Tokyo, Japan..... MRS. KEEN.  
 Foochow, China; and Madras District, India..... MISS HART.  
 Oudh District, India; and Kiu-Shiu, Japan..... MRS. COWEN.  
 Italy; Bulgaria; and Bombay District, India..... MRS. CRANDON.  
 Hakodati and Hirosaki, Japan..... MRS. HUSTON.  
 Bengal Conference; and Singapore..... MRS. NIND.  
 Kumaon District, India..... MISS WATSON.  
 Nagoya, Japan..... MRS. O'NEAL.

## INDIA.

### NORTH INDIA CONFERENCE.

#### ROHILKUND DISTRICT.

##### MISSIONARIES.

MISS FANNY J. SPARKES,	MISS CLARA A. DOWNEY,
MISS FANNY M. ENGLISH,	MISS ANNA LAWSON,
MISS MARY CHRISTIANCY, M. D.,	MISS KATE McDOWELL, M. D.,
MISS M. A. SHELDON, M. D.	

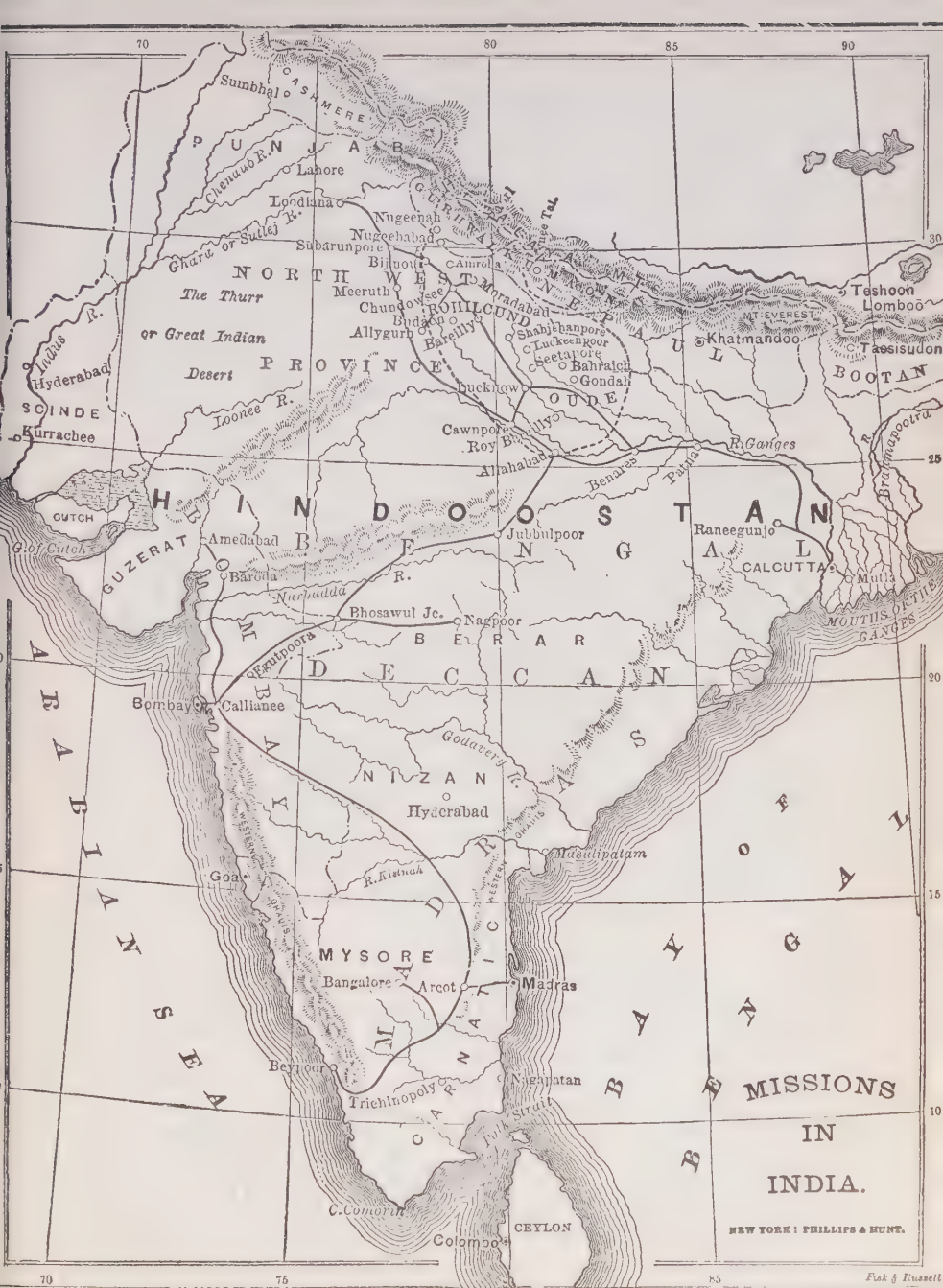
##### MARRIED LADIES IN CHARGE OF WORK.

MRS. E. W. PARKER,	MRS. T. J. SCOTT,
MRS. L. R. HOSKINS,	MRS. P. T. WILSON,
MRS. J. E. SCOTT,	MRS. C. L. BARE,
MRS. J. C. BUTCHER,	MRS. W. R. CLANCY,
MRS. C. W. SIMMONS.	

The Rohilkund District covers a large territory, and includes the cities of Bareilly, Bijnour, Moradabad, Budaon, Shajehanpore and Muttra, — each with its surrounding village and district work.

Mission work is spreading very rapidly in this district. During 1883 some 1433 persons were baptized. There are now Christians residing in five hundred villages, and preachers and teachers are working from *one hundred and fifty* centers.





NEW YORK: PHILLIPS & HUNT.

A few years ago there were no girls in school, no Christian men or women, and not an educated woman in the Province, now there are over three hundred intelligent Christian women, more than five hundred Christian girls in the higher-grade schools, and about nine hundred girls in schools of all grades.

Fifty young women, wives of Theological Students, are in the Training School at Bareilly, preparing for future work.

There are *twelve* Christian girls studying in the Medical College in Agra, while the youngest of our Institutions, the Deaconesses Home in Muttra, has already a good number in training for Evangelistic work.

#### BIJNOUR.

##### MRS. BUTCHER IN CHARGE.

The work of this circuit is now carried on from eleven centres, beside the city of Bijnour. Nine of these centres are cities in which we have at least two workers. These women work not only in the cities but in all the surrounding villages. We find that the women, on account of their greater ignorance, are harder to reach than the men, so now the greater work must be done by women. It is seldom that a woman will be baptized who has not first had her prejudice broken down by the Bible-women. There have been during the past twelve months 282 baptisms on this circuit, the majority of which were men and children. Seeing this we have nearly doubled our forces for women's work in the out-stations.

Four of the women have schools where they teach a part of the day and do zenana work the remainder of the time. There are four other schools, taught by non-Christians, but which have a Christian teacher for Sunday School, and are examined weekly by Miss Thompson. The Girls' Boarding School for Christian girls, in which there are about 50 girls, is doing good work in preparing these girls for work in the future, either as Bible readers or teachers. Two girls have gone from the school to study medicine in Agra, and three have married.

#### MORADABAD.

##### GIRLS' BOARDING SCHOOL. IN CHARGE, MRS. PARKER AND MRS. SIMMONS.

One hundred and fifty girls are in this school from more than fifty different villages. Some are Hindoo girls from the city who sit and study with the Christian girls and learn the Bible lessons. Workers are sent out every year. There are openings among the poor in the villages, and these girls are especially adapted for this kind of work, so many of them having come from these village homes. More than one hundred such women have gone out from this school during the past twenty years, and the demand for such teachers is at present far beyond what can be supplied. So we believe that these Boarding Schools for Christian girls are very important auxiliaries in evangelistic work.

## CITY SCHOOLS AND ZENANA WORK IN CHARGE OF MISS CLARA A. DOWNEY.

This work has been full of interest all the year. There are about four hundred girls in the schools. That the teachings are not forgotten after leaving the schools was shown one day in one of the regularly visited houses. The Mohammedan woman had finished her reading lesson, and as we began to sing she and her mother-in-law sang with us. Suddenly the dark face lighted up, and she said "This is like Sunday School." She had been a pupil in one of these little schools, and what she had learned in the Sunday School was before her to help brighten her lonely life. Zenana work, with all of its unpleasant things one has to see and hear, is not without its bright side. In one family where we teach there is a little girl of about seven years, whose mother was not willing that she should be taught, fearing she would *die* if she learned to read, who has at last consented to her being taught. She is the only child, five having died in infancy. She sings very sweetly, and sang with us when we visited her. Her mother said, "She sings that hymn when she plays, when she takes her meals, and all the time." Her father is very fond of her and calls her to come and sing to him about Jesus Christ. To-day I sang a new hymn to them, and after it was finished the mother said that her mother-in-law had learned that hymn in Cawnpore and had sung it to them. I have one assistant and seven Bible readers here, beside a few other native women, living and working in villages.

## BUDAON.

## GIRLS' BOARDING SCHOOL, IN CHARGE OF MRS. WILSON.

The Girls' Boarding School is a very important part of the work. Seven of the girls have been received into full membership during the year, and a number professed conversion at the Chandousi Camp Meeting. One girl died, another has gone to the Medical School at Agra, and another has married and is doing good work in Kakrala. Friends in America have sent dolls for the girls, which were distributed at the close of school, when parents and preachers were present.

*Zenana Work.* There are some who only want to lean to read and write, while others desire to hear God's word. Some say, after hearing the reading of the Bible, "That is true and we believe it." The Missionary writes, "As we were passing along one of the streets in a certain village, while itinerating, a little girl stood inside a door calling and beckoning to me. I stopped and said, 'What is it?' She said, 'Come in, come in.' I went in and the mother said, 'This girl could not sleep all night, she saw you passing yesterday, and ever since has been listening and watching for you. She wants you to come and teach her, she used to live in Agra, and a lady came there and taught her.' I thought, now this is of the Lord, here is a place of 7000 souls, and no woman is

here to tell these women the way of salvation." The older girls in the Boarding School go with the Bible Women to the villages, and are learning to do Evangelistic work.

We have over 500 names on our Sunday School register. These girls all learn the Golden Text, kneel with us in prayer, sing "Jesus, I love Thee," and give us a collection to help carry on this work. I found in two schools the girls were not giving, so I said, "Why is this? I know you girls want to give." One girl said, "No, we don't." The Hindoo teacher said, "She has not any sense." Another little girl opened her bag and gave the girls a cowrie each (a shell, 4096 makes a rupee), which they with great pleasure handed to me.

A woman in one of the villages could not read, but knew the way of salvation, went out to the surrounding villages and talked to the women. Some of the women are industrious and their houses are clean. If they have money they give it, if not they give of their store to the Lord. Pulse or grain or fowls. I often carry a little grain home in the corner of my shawl. Our *Woman's Missionary Society* has regular monthly meetings, attended by Christian, Hindoo and Mohammedan women, all contributing for the work of God.

#### SHAHJEHANPORE.

##### GIRLS' BOARDING SCHOOL, IN CHARGE OF MRS. HOSKINS.

Forty girls are in this school. Eleven have been received into the church from probation, and four by letter. The older girls are members of the Missionary Society, and earn their fees by knitting and sewing. Day and Sunday schools are well attended. Many women in the zenanas declare that since they have learned about the Christian religion they have no more faith in their idols and will worship them no more. The "Order of the King's Daughters," introduced among us this year, is stimulating our Christian women and girls to more active benevolence and more earnestness in religious life. Many of them are truly endeavoring to do all "in His name."

#### EAST SHAHJEHANPORE.

##### IN CHARGE OF MRS. BARE.

The work is carried on from five important centers covering a large territory. There are nine widows in the Home at Lodipore; three support themselves entirely, five in part, and one is dependent on the Mission. These are all Christian women. In Mahomdi there are two girls' schools, which have suffered great persecution. The *Arya Samaj* people worked up great opposition, and almost broke them up, but not quite. Eight persons have been baptized, and a number of enquirers are under instruction.

The work on the Agra Circuit, in charge of Mrs. Clancey, is especially promising. There are four schools in the city of Agra, and ten villages are regularly visited.

*Chandausi.* At the camp meeting, held in this place last December, it was estimated that more than 2000 Christians were encamped on the ground. Of these more than 500 were girls and boys from the Mission schools in the Rohilkund District.

### MUTTRA CIRCUIT.

IN CHARGE OF MRS. SCOTT, MISS SPARKES AND DR. MC DOWELL.

Our work in this great Hindu center is new. The Deaconess' Home, erected by the kindness of Mr. Blackstone, is nearly completed, and will soon be ready for occupancy. Meantime Miss Sparkes has commenced her home in a hired house. She has received one lady, a tried worker, who is ready to join her in this work. She has also some European and native young women under training, so that this work is opening with fair promise of success. The Zenana work is carried on by the members of the Home, and nearly 200 houses are regularly visited. The work in Brindaban, six miles from Muttra, is also carried on in connection with the Home. These two places are now connected by rail. Efforts are being made to secure a place in Brindaban where the ladies can have a home when they wish to go there for a few days, and for their regular visits.

Mrs. Scott has charge of the school-work in the city, and the out-station work. There are several very interesting out stations in this circuit, where native women are opening and carrying on both school and zenana work.

### BAREILLY.

WOMAN'S TRAINING SCHOOL, IN CHARGE OF MRS. SCOTT.

Forty-nine names have been enrolled upon the register this year. Twenty-five are taking the Bible-woman's course of study. The remaining are in various stages of preparation, some learning the letters, or reading the 1st, 2nd, or 3d Books, and others reading the History of India. These last will be promoted to Bible readers' classes next year. Some are very bright, intelligent women; some, I fear, are hopelessly stupid; but these are few. All, but a few lately married, have children to care for, and bring them when they come to school. Some of the Theological students' wives have been promoted, and are now helpers in the zenana work. One dear little woman, the wife of a promising young man in the Seminary, died two weeks ago. About eight months ago she began to show signs of the fell disease, consumption. Everything that could be done by skilled physicians was done for her. "Just before she



died, I said to her," writes Mrs. Scott, "You will soon be with Jesus. She opened her eyes, while a sweet smile played over the poor, wasted features, and said, 'Yes.' 'I asked if she was at all troubled.' 'No,' was the reply. 'Are you glad?' 'Yes, yes,' was the answer. Here her good husband wept aloud. She asked to be lifted, and sat up, saying, 'Why do you weep?' We tried to keep calm and said 'Shall we sing?' 'Yes, sing Jesus Saves my Soul.' Her pastor came and talked and prayed with her. She had requested to see Dr. Christiancy, of whom she was very fond. I started for her, but met her on the way. We went in and bade her good-bye. She said, 'I am going,' and sank quietly to rest." Our Christians die well.

### GIRLS' ORPHANAGE.

#### MISS ENGLISH IN CHARGE.

Miss English writes: "During the year we have noticed a marked change in some of the girls. A number of the older girls have joined the 'Epworth League,' which has recently been organized here. We have also several 'Tens' of the King's Daughters. Our Orphanage Missionary Society has about fifty members. The girls by doing some kind of extra work manage to gather a few pice. Last year the girls collected about seventeen rupees. A number of our best girls married this summer, two of them married preachers, and will do good work. One of them, writing from her distant home, speaks of being homesick to see the familiar faces, and of being almost entirely surrounded by heathen, but says she is trying to set them a good example in all things, and trying to work for the Master. She is a conscientious Christian girl, and we trust will accomplish much for those by whom she is surrounded. During the vacation months some of the older girls have been going regularly to the zenanas, thus getting some practical knowledge of city work, and others we are training for teachers. So we try to keep all departments of our work progressing."

Miss Lawson, who has charge of the zenana work, says: "We visit over one hundred houses regularly, in many of which the women can read for themselves the books we take them.

The *Woman's Friend* is regularly taken in a number of homes. We are very often asked for hymn books, and frequently for the Bible. Not long ago I had the pleasure of selling an English Bible to an educated gentleman, the head of one of the families we visit.

The work in the schools is also full of interest. The non-Christian teachers have been organized into a 'normal class.'

We have twelve Sunday Schools, which are prospering. The work is carried on by various methods, and in different channels.



On the Bareilly Circuit twenty-two women and girls were baptized, and on the Fatahgange Circuit forty-six women and girls have confessed Christ this past year. On the Aonla Circuit seventy girls are under instruction."

MEDICAL WORK, IN CHARGE OF MISS M. A. SHELDON, M. D.

"My work has been chiefly to look after the sick in Mrs. Parker's Boarding School for girls, and Dr. Parker's Boarding School for boys, to superintend a zenana dispensary in the city, and to answer city calls, etc. I have not spent much time at the dispensary this year, deeming it wise to confine myself to the schools, the Christian people generally, and zenana visiting, while learning the language and becoming acquainted with the people and customs.

Among 150 girls and 125 boys there are always some ailing. Indeed I do not see but that they display just the same infirmities that we would find in similar schools at home.

The boys in their sports sprain their hands, and bruise their shins and toes, just as our own healthy, loving American boy does. Then, too, there are always some fever and eye cases on hand, and occasionally an epidemic goes through the schools. When I arrived in Moradabad measles were prevailing. We were obliged to remove the sick girls from the school to a place hired in the city; for the Mission Compound, being in Cantonments, no contagious disease is allowed here. We are in hopes some time of having a hospital in a healthy location.

Several deaths have occurred in the schools. I shall not forget my first sight of a funeral in India. In the midst of a pelting rain, one Sunday morning, I saw a little company start out, carrying with them, on a rude cart, the earthly remains of one of the school girls, beside whom I had watched the night before as she lay in the little smoky, windowless, mud hut of her father, whose only furniture consisted of two beds, a mud stove in one corner and a stone grinding mill in another. *But there was a Bible there*; and, as the fourteenth Chapter of St. John, and the twenty-third Psalm were read by her brother in their own language, the hearts of the parents were comforted, and there was no fear in the eyes of the sick girl as she passed through the "dark valley."

There is a flourishing Gov't Dispensary in Moradabad, to whose clinics I am allowed access, through the kindness of the able civil surgeon here, Dr. Freyer. I went for him last March to examine an obscure case in the native state of Rampur. There is no railroad connection between the two places. But they sent an easy carriage, with four horses, and Mrs. Parker and I started out in the cool freshness of a lovely Indian morning. It was my first glimpse of the real Indian landscape, away from the railway and the passage across the river on a rude bridge of boats, the waving

fields of grain, cane and dal, and the changes every five miles for fresh horses or mules — all were full of interest for me. We soon reached the wealthy and flourishing city of Rampur. After breakfast and rest, a carriage was sent to take us to the Deputy's house. After visiting the patient, the Deputy's wife, a woman of most attractive and refined face, but for whom we could do little, as through the influence of her mother, she was the victim of an unfounded fancy,— we called on Mrs Phillips, wife of the young Nawab's teacher. She took us to see the native General's house. First we saw the *men's* elegant apartments, fitted up in real English style, books, furniture, rich embroideries, etc. Then we went by the winding unexpected alleys which are now becoming familiar to me, to the *women's* apartments. The contrast was striking. Here was a large bare court, surrounded by verandahs, in which were the beds of the women, and on which they sit all day, gossiping and eating "pawn." Here were no books, no adornments on the walls, no evidence of mental or spiritual cultivation. The General's wife, probably not his first, was an exceedingly pretty, dark-eyed, olive-cheeked young woman, heavily loaded with rich bracelets on wrists, ankles and toes. They displayed much curiosity concerning us. What a transformation our Christian religion makes in these homeless Indian homes, I have seen with my own eyes! It brings light, liberty and knowledge into the vacant, aimless lives of these women.

I have been called into many zenanas in the city, both Hindoo and Mohammedan, and have had many interesting experiences. One Babu's wife, who was very sick, said she would become one of our religion if she recovered. She has recovered, but has not yet made a profession, being, perhaps, like many in our more favored land. I was called to attend the station master's wife at Bilari. In a conversation with the station master he said that these Indian customs and caste prejudices count for nothing; but, he said, if we want our children well married, we must conform to them. It seemed a little ludicrous, and perhaps, a little humiliating to have the food which they had hospitably prepared for my refreshment, tossed into my hands; for, if I had eaten out of their dishes, they never more could use them!

Since I have begun writing this report, that dreadful scourge of India has visited us — *Cholera*. Within the last week I have seen three from among our Christians struggling vainly in its icy clasp.

One of our best educated and best qualified Bible women, Lorraine, died in fifteen hours. Her baby died of the same disease a few days afterwards. Another case was a boy of twelve — the eldest of a little family. His old father and invalid mother were almost inconsolable, and the awe-stricken little crowd of Christians outside wept in sympathy. But they do not mourn as those without hope. Yesterday there was a mild case

in the Boys' Boarding School, but the patient recovered. In the midst of these heart-rending scenes God does give grace and strength for daily duties, and we can safely trust the future with him.

#### MEDICAL WORK IN AGRA.

Bishop Thoburn, who has recently seen the work in Agra, writes: "The chief missionary interest in Agra, so far as our own work is concerned, is connected with the medical training school. A large number of pupils come over from Rohilkund and Oudh, and while studying are looked after by the missionary and his assistants. The girls are lodged in a comfortable boarding house, on the mission premises, and are a most interesting body of students. The presence of these young people, of both sexes, adds much to the interest of our public services, while the care exercised over them by the missionary adds greatly to the advantages which they enjoy while pursuing their studies." There are twelve Christian girls here this year. Mrs. Minnie Quinn Jacob, formerly of the Girls' Orphanage in Bareilly, has received her diploma, and will be employed in the Lady Dufferin Hospital in Moradabad. The Hindu widow sent from Moradabad has also received her diploma, and she is now at work in the hospital in Bijnour.

#### BAREILLY.

##### MEDICAL WORK IN CHARGE OF DR. CHRISTIANCY.

This work has gone on as usual during the year. The work in the Dispensary is interesting, and medical aid is given here to many village women, as well as to the women of the city and of the Christian community. One of the "medical girls" passed a creditable examination in the subjects taught, and has gone to work in Shahjehanpore. The assistants in the Dispensary engage in Sunday School work on Sunday, the only day they have no dispensary work. Religious instruction is given regularly in the Dispensary. The women listen attentively to the singing and instruction; but human nature seems the same on both sides the world, and anything that contributes to the betterment of body or estate is readily accepted, while religious matters can be deferred to a more convenient time. This we saw illustrated at Brindaban when the medicine chest possessed such attractions for the people that they would not deign to even look at Krishna, though he was passing by in all the glory of his war chariot.

Mrs. Wilson writes of the Medical work in *Budoan*: "Our new little Dispensary has been very useful. When we are at home we have a daily attendance of from thirty to eighty. When we are itinerating, this part of the work, in the form of a medicine chest, itinerates also."

In *Muttra* Dr. McDowell has opened a Dispensary, which gives great promise of success.

## OUDH DISTRICT.

### MISSIONARIES.

MISS ESTHER DE VINE,  
 " THERESA KYLE,  
 " DELIA FULLER,  
 " E. L. HARVEY,  
 " MARY REED,

MISS PHEBE ROWE,  
 " LUCY SULLIVAN,  
 " ANNIE GALLIMORE,  
 " FLORENCE PERRINE,  
 " S. MCBURNIE.

### MARRIED LADIES IN CHARGE OF WORK.

MRS. T. S. JOHNSON,  
 " H. MANSELL, M. D.  
 " B. H. BADLEY,

MRS. J. E. LAWSON,  
 " S. KNOWLES,  
 " A. F. LEONARD.

Since our last report was given, the city of Allahabad has been added to this District, making three large and important cities, viz., Lucknow, Cawnpore and Allahabad. There are sixteen stations and circuits, each with their out-lying points, where work is carried on under the superintendence of a missionary of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, or the wife of a missionary belonging to the Parent Board.

*Gondah*, with its six out-stations, its Boarding School, day school and zenana work, is under the supervision of Mrs. Knowles, of the Parent Board, and Misses Reed and Gallimore, of the W. F. M. S. Zenana work in *Gondah* and in the surrounding villages, has been faithfully carried on by Miss Gallimore and her five Bible women. The work, not only in the cities, but in the surrounding villages is most encouraging. On this district a special means of reaching women is found at the great Melas, where thousands flock to the sacred shrines. Missionaries and Bible women find here a fruitful field and are much encouraged by the reception given their message by the pilgrim women. Miss Reed has had charge of the Boarding School. At the close of the first year the number enrolled was 25 boarders and five day scholars. In spite of much sickness, and trials of various kinds, good progress was made in study by the pupils, and good seed sown in faith of a rich harvest in the near future. There are eight day schools scattered over this district and many more could be opened were the teachers ready, and means provided.

The women's work in Lakimpur Circuit, is under the care of the native pastor, Rev. Kenkai Singh, and his wife, Nannie Jane, so long a successful worker for our society. Besides the city of Lakimpur there are three out-stations, *Gola*, *Beldari* and *There*.

Three Bible women give all their time to help the pastor's wife, and they find ready access to the people. But what are four workers to half

a million women? Yet the Lord is with them and they work in hopes. The Boarding School, under Mrs. Lawson, has kept on the way of former years, making success in spite of crowded rooms and many difficulties. A number of the girls have been converted. There are forty boarders. The new school buildings have been a great help, and when completed will give the room so greatly needed. Mrs. Lawson superintends also the instruction of Christian women, and finds it a fruitful field. The zenana and day schools have been under the charge of Miss Fuller, she has one assistant, three Bible women and six teachers at work. Seetapore, Kharaibad and Misrikh have each organized work carried on, and the village work as usual in this district is very interesting. Thirty-two are regularly visited. In many cases whole villages, men, women and children, sit and listen eagerly to the story of redemption. There is no limit to the good that might be done if there were more laborers. The Sunday School work is also very encouraging. Over 1,000,000 souls wait for the gospel within the bounds of the Seetapore District.

*The Girls' High School of Cawnpore*, Miss Harvey, Superintendent, was reinforced at the beginning of the year by Miss McBurnie. There are six assistant teachers, seventy-eight boarders, and a number of day scholars are enrolled. An increase of the grant in aid, consequent on the Government examination, was a great assistance. In spite of much sickness substantial success is reported.

*Miss Kyle* was put in charge of zenana and city school work at the commencement of the year, and has most successfully carried it on, and she reports 50 new houses opened in the first three months. Miss Kyle has three assistants. There are nine city schools, seven Hindi and two Mohammedan. The Ghat work is always one of interest, and has been vigorously followed up during the year. Many Hindoo houses are opened through this means.

#### MEDICAL WORK.

The medical work is carried forward by Mrs. Mansell, M. D. The dispensary at *Bithoor* is well known throughout that district, and doing a good work. Lucy Wahid lives there and works under Mrs. Mansell's directions, who also has opened a zenana hospital and dispensary in a bazaar in the city, and both are crowded with anxious patients. Mrs. Mansell feels that the centre of a native city is the place for zenana medical work. She found a wide open door, and not the least opposition to medical work.

In Lucknow the Deaconess Home and zenana work under the charge of Miss Phebe Rowe and Miss Sullivan, also includes the Home for Homeless Women, the one home being merged into the other. A very happy and prosperous year has been spent by these sisters of the new dis-



pensation caring for the poor outcasts as well as for the shut-in-women of high degree. Over twenty women were frequently in the Home at one time, and though patience was often tried, the result of past work among these women was remembered and fresh hope awakened. Many of these women go out to fill useful lives as ayahs, nurses, matrons, and zenana workers. Miss Rowe has superintended the zenana work, with four assistants and nine Bible women. About one thousand women are under instruction.

The City Schools, under Mrs. Johnson's care, number eight; average attendance fair. Miss Paul, the inspectress, was sick some months in the year, which was a drawback to the schools, as she is very thorough and painstaking.

The College Class has been given to Miss Perrine, sent out for that purpose.

The Girls' High School has passed another year of success, "a good year," Miss DeVine calls it. The health of the school was excellent, and the attendance better than for two years; one hundred and twenty pupils have been entered, and the advance in education is most commendable. The religious spirit among the girls has been real and earnest. The C. S. Judicial Commission of Oudh gives this testimony concerning the Lucknow Girls' High School: "It is enough to know that here is provided for girls of all classes an education which is marvellous for the breadth of the field which it covers, and the cheap rate at which it is offered. This school is equally open to European, Eurasian and native girls." There are but six scholarships in this school, the whole expense of the boarding department, including matron and servants, has been met by the fees charged, and which, for the most part, have been promptly paid. The growth of the self-supporting idea in India is one of the best indications for the future. At *Unao* seven Bible-women carry themselves in work under supervision, and one hundred and twenty women are under regular instruction. In *Baraich* and *Hurdui* twelve Bible women are employed, but no report has been sent of the success of the year.

Mrs. Paul, the native pastor's wife, has charge of the woman's work at *Barabanki*, which consists of four day schools, four Sunday Schools, and a large zenana work. Nine Bible women carry the Gospel into 315 homes, representing 720 families. These women have done their work zealously, often the inmates of the zenanas accept the truth with tears. In *Roy Bareilly* Mrs. Leonard is in charge, with an assistant, and eight Bible-women. There are three day schools, and a promising zenana work. There are two day schools, and two Sunday Schools in *Allahabad*. Two Bible-women are employed, and one hundred women are under instruction. In the forces at work in the Oudh District, for the



downfall of beathenism, we must not overlook the *Woman's Friend*, Mrs. Badley, editor. The two editions, Hindi and Urdu, are published in Lucknow, with a constantly increasing subscription list, and widening influence throughout the whole Conference. The growing interest in reading, the self-supporting spirit shown by the native Christians, as well as the desire to help others, are all recognized as tokens of good for this year's work. The amount paid for tuition and board in the English School at Cawnpore and the Seetapore and Lucknow Vernacular schools during the year was 3327 rupees. By local missionary societies, 150 rupees.

The girls of Cawnpore High School support a day school in the city. A Sunday School is kept up by the offerings of girls at Seetapore. Zenana work, is assisted by Lucknow girls, also books and tracts are sent to Melas. Other places have given, not of their abundance, but with willing hearts, and He who sitteth over against the treasury and marks the gifts, will reward those who cast in their mites for love of Him who died for the "least of these."

## KUMAON DISTRICT.

### MISSIONARIES.

MISS S. A. EASTON,  
MISS O. MILLER,  
MRS. GRANT,

MISS ANNIE BUDDEN,  
MRS. M. C. WHITBY,  
MRS. S. S. DEASE.

The progress made in the work of this district as far as reported has been very gratifying. The principal centres of work are Pithoragarh, Naini Tal, Dwarahat and Pauri.

From Pithoragarh Miss Budden writes, "The departments of the work under my supervision are the Home in which are twenty-nine women, most of whom support themselves by the cultivation of the farm land, and of whom my assistant, Miss Cummings, is in charge. The school has forty-six girls who sew two hours, study four, work in the fields two, and do all their own grinding, cooking and washing.

It is in charge of Miss Alice Tresham, who has been with me two years, and grows more efficient and valuable all the time. The Medical School, in which are four resident and three non-resident pupils, is taught by Dr. Dease two hours daily, and then by Ellen Hayes for three more. She also has charge of the in-patients and the dispensary, and the pupils help her and thus gain valuable experience. They also visit in the villages, and administer to soul as well as body; two of them nursed seven successive cases of cholera this year and never flinched, so I trust, they have found their vocation, and have a useful life before them. We have a band of *King's Daughters*, numbering twenty-four, and it has not only developed those who have joined, but has had a leavening in-

fluence on the whole institution. We have a Missionary Society, but not of the ordinary type; we contribute our pice weekly for missionary work in other places, and once a month we have a sewing class for making clothes for the poor, which are distributed on Christmas day. Spiritually the work is very encouraging. There is scarcely a girl in the school who has not a conscious love for the Saviour, except the little ones." Of the village work Mrs. Dease writes, "The five day schools are at present in a prosperous condition. A new one in a distant village has been opened only since the work was resumed, ten days ago, and in it are already eightengirls, whose ages vary from four to fourteen. When visiting this school the other day I was cheered by seeing such a row of bright faces which, strange to say, were most of them clean, and with their hair combed. To-day I had an earnest petition to open another school in a place somedistance off, where the Brahmas and high caste people are very anxious to have their children taught. This is quite a change, for usually when we propose to teach the girls and women we are met with the reply, 'What use will they put their learning to when they must spend their lives in field work?'

Two of the girls of our oldest school left at the beginning of the year—not to be married to ignorant heathen men who often refuse to feed and clothe their wives, but to enter Miss Budden's Boarding School, where they are very happy and have recently asked to be baptized; this is the first fruit of our village schools that I have been permitted to see. I have two sewing classes for the women, and hope to open a third soon. There is a good attendance, except when there is an unusual pressure of field work. There is an attendance of about sixty women, some of whom are well acquainted with the fundamental truths of Christianity, and listen intelligently to what we try to teach them.

Some of the inmates of the Leper Asylum are learning to read—to write is impossible—and memorize hymns and verses of scripture; they are taught by the wife of the superintendent, who is a convert from the first village school opened by Mrs. Gray. The work at Dwarahat is in charge of the native preacher: the school, which is taught by an assistant, Miss Jane Watson, has done well." From Pauri Mrs. Whitby writes, "We have many things to encourage us and help us on in the work. The Lord is blessing us wonderfully, and souls are being saved. We have fifty-nine girls in the Boarding School and Orphanage, five village schools, with seventy pupils, five Bible women, who are doing a good work, visiting from village to village.

All these Bible women are girls married from our school, who go out after careful training to spread the glad tidings of salvation."

Miss Easton writes concerning the school in Naini Tal: "We are in the midst of a prosperous year. We have recorded eighty-six names, and have at present seventy-one boarders and eleven day pupils. There has been, so far, no case of sickness, and very little indisposition."

## SOUTH INDIA CONFERENCE.

BOMBAY.

Work begun in 1884.

## MISSIONARIES.

MISS SARAH DELINE,

MISS MINNIE F. ABRAMS,

MISS MARY E. CARROLL.

## ASSISTANTS.

MISS WRIGHT,

MISS STOKES,

MISS TAYLOR,

MISS THOMAS,

MISS THOMPSON,

MISS LENNEHAN,

MISS MCGUIRE.

The failure to make appropriation to build a home in Bombay was a sore disappointment to our missionaries there, but they adjusted themselves to the necessities of the case, and have prosecuted their work with undiminished vigor. Miss DeLine still continues in charge of the zenana work. This work is very laborious, as it requires such an outlay of physical strength, as well as judgment and patience to so deal with these women that they may be interested and profited. One of the families visited for some time is that of a goldsmith. The family occupy two rooms on the third floor of a large tenement house. The goldsmith, himself, has evidently been an attentive listener to the instructions given to the women in the family, and during a visit made by Miss DeLine and Miss Wright, made some remark which led Miss Wright to say, "I believe you have come into the light." His response was, "I have come," and then asked Miss DeLine to pray with him.

Some visits are also made to the very poor. The little huts in which they live are too small, too dark, and too wet for the missionary to enter, but a seat is placed for her outside the door, and a crowd soon gathers, attracted by a white face, and to hear the singing. Then the Bible-woman reads the Word of Life to them, and talks to them of the "better way."

Miss Carroll brings to the work energy, enthusiasm, and consecration. She has already been able to do good service in the Sunday school, also to sing and read the language, though not prepared to do much teaching. Miss Abrams supervises the school work, with one assistant, one matron, and four Christian teachers. There are three schools in Bombay, one a boarding and day school and orphanage combined, for our Christian girls, and two day schools for heathen girls. A number of Hindu and Mohammedan girls were in the school last year but the strong Christian influence and Bible teaching were producing such an effect upon the girls that nearly all were withdrawn. They are,

however, being visited by the zenana visitors. One high-caste Hindu girl still remains, and will be ready to enter the high school next year. She asked for baptism, but as she had not asked the consent of her mother, Miss Abrams felt that the time was not yet come to administer the rite. The outlook for the boarding school is very encouraging. A prospectus of this school reads not very unlike the prospectus of a school in this country. The girls are required to dress in their native costume, thereby inculcating a respect for their Indian birth and costumes, but "no jewels are permitted to be worn or kept in the school." In addition to the course of study required by the Government, two Bible lessons are given each day, and every girl is required to learn the catechism. The day schools are small but promising. The same careful religious instruction is given to the children, and three girls from one of the schools have been baptized and transferred to the Christian girls' school.

A Sunday school is maintained with each of the day schools. In two of these Miss DeLine's old gray-haired Bible-woman stands in the door and preaches to the passersby, who stop to hear the singing inside. Miss Thompson also has charge of two Sunday schools, one of which she holds under the shade of a large tree. Bombay's people are of every kind and tongue, so that our missionaries find it necessary to learn several languages to fit them for successful work. They are helping to spread the Gospel of peace to eight hundred thousand people. Of Bombay, Bishop Thoburn is reported to have said, "Bombay for Christ means all Western India for Christ in ten years. It is the gateway of India. Make Bombay a Christian city, and half of India will be won for Christ."

## MADRAS.

### MISSIONARY.

MISS M. HUGHES.

### ASSISTANT MISSIONARIES.

MISS GRACE STEPHENS,  
MISS DESILVA,

MISS JONES,  
MISS GIBBS.

The work in Madras during the year has had many vicissitudes, but has been of intense interest. Miss Hughes is the one American representative of our Society. Miss Grace Stephens, an Eurasian lady, is by universal testimony unequalled in South India in her devotion, tact and success as a zenana worker.

Early in the year, in his heathen home, the *Rajah Naidu* heard from her lips the fundamental principles of the Gospel. Impressed thereby he sought further instruction from Dr. Rudisil. Conviction, conversion,

baptism followed, but such a storm of persecution was raised that not only his life was endangered, but the lives of our missionaries. Firm in his attachment to the faith, able and courageous in its defence, he has held fast by his profession at the sacrifice of every personal interest, and of all family and social ties. Not only this, but the District in which he lived was convulsed with indignation against our zenana visitors. Houses where they had visited and been welcomed were closed to them, curses and abuse were heaped upon them, stones were thrown at their conveyances, and for a while access was denied them. But others opened, and through patience, kindness and tact, even those were won who were bitter in their opposition, so that Miss Hughes writes, "Despite our being excluded from one-third of all our houses, we are glad to report that in closing up for the summer we found there were not less than 90 separate houses on our list, including about 125 pupils who were receiving regularly two lessons each week. I make an approximate count of about 1,680 regular lessons, each one including reading, spelling and dictation, together with Catechism and Scripture. Besides these, 1,300 visits were made where the women could not take special lessons, making a total of 2,983 from Jan. 8th to May 24th.

#### MRS. RUDISILL'S DEATH.

But a deep shadow has fallen on our work in Madras. She, who laid its foundations and who was always largely its inspiration — the able editor of our Tamil paper,—her last work being to prepare an article for the August number. The trusted counsellor, the cherished friend, the unwearied keeper of all our workers, Mrs. Mary Rudisill has passed beyond the vale. I have rarely heard such tributes as have been paid by all classes to the beauty of her character and the devotion of her life. Her death-bed was a scene of holy triumph unsurpassed in saintly annals. It is said such a funeral was never known in Madras, as old and young, rich and poor, English, Eurasian and native, gathered to do her honor, desirous of carrying her body on their shoulders to the cemetery, strewing her bier and filling her grave with flowers; begging the privilege to put above her an India stone, bearing the inscription, "The Lord gave, the Lord taketh away, blessed be the name of the Lord," saying, she was God's precious gift to India.

It is safe to say that no Missionary has won more love in her life, or caused more sorrow by her death, yet out of the depth of their grief, from that life and from that death our missionaries have caught fresh inspiration for their work and are pledging themselves afresh to the work in India.

The *Orphanage* is growing, and we cannot do what we would, because of poor accommodations. During the year our members have in-



creased to 17. The girls do their own cooking, grinding, sweeping, and make their own clothes, and learn to do all well.

They come to us without clothes, pinched and starved from long abstinence from food, or perhaps delicate from lack of proper food. They know not how to read or write, to sing, to laugh or play, and have no idea who made them, or whither they are going. In a few weeks the same girl, who may be now so poor, ignorant and bad, is seen with her clean jacket and skirt, and white chudder on her head, marching to church looking bright and happy. In a short time she learns to claim the blessed Jesus as her Saviour.

*Day Schools.* The Caste girls' school has an average attendance of 35, and is made up of girls from the high caste of families of the District. We can only keep these girls a limited time. The zenana teacher goes to their houses and in many of them privately teaches the mothers and elder sisters. A class in needlework has been started, in which the mothers are greatly interested.

In the low caste schools the work is a little different, for the children are not so bright. About 80 have been in attendance, but small-pox and measles have kept out a number.

Seven hundred and fifty copies of *Mathir Mithiri* have been given out and the dear women enjoy them so much I believe we could not get on without this precious paper, for many of the men even enjoy reading its pages and are glad to have their women learn something too. Some of the women have come, with their husbands, to see us in our homes; some of the husbands have come alone to thank the teachers for the great improvement of and happiness in their homes; also, in some cases, to enquire about our religion. One Brahmin writes: 'How different our house is since you came to teach my wife and sisters-in-law, for whereas before they were idle and discontented, with nothing to do but to gossip, now when we are busy they too are busy with their work or lessons, and look eagerly for your coming to learn more.' There are hundreds and hundreds of women just as ignorant of all that the gospel teaches as a three-year old child. I wish I could paint some pictures I witness, or tell of all that is heard in these dark homes. No pen can describe what comes to us.

One day in coming out of a house I saw a woman measuring her length painfully along in the street, by standing up and then laying herself full length in the street while some one poured water over her to mark the spot; another went before leading the way and carrying cocoanuts to the temple of their God. This poor woman's child was very sick with small-pox and she was making her way to the temple then, performing this awful vow, that her God might spare the child's life; then again we have come face to face with this dire disease, and have been in streets



where people were dying of cholera, but the dear Lord holds us in His hand and it is just wonderful how we are preserved in the midst of so much.

## BENGAL CONFERENCE.

The Bengal Conference has within its boundaries four Presiding Elders' Districts, and on each of these the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society has work. The Ajmere, Burmah, Calcutta and Mussoorie Districts.

### AJMERE DISTRICT.

Ajmere Girls' School and Zenana Work, MRS. GILRUTH.

Jabulpore Zenana Work, MRS. C. P. HARD.

Burhanpur Zenana Work and Girls' School, MRS. PARDON.

Mhow Girls' School and Zenana Work, MRS. JEFFERIES and MRS. PAUL SINGH.

Khundwa Girls' Orphanage and Schools, MRS. MORTON.

The city of Ajmere is said to be the brain center of Rajputana. Mrs. Jefferies has charge of the Zenana Work and day school. Jabulpore is a city of seventy-five thousand people, is a civil station and military cantonment, and a great railway center. Here there is a church of 40 members, and 20 probationers. In this important place Mrs. Hard has been very successful in carrying on work among the Zenana women.

### BURMAH DISTRICT.

Rangoon, Miss JULIA WISNER.

“ Miss E. M. FILES.

The girls'school in Rangoon has had a good year. Two hundred and ten scholars have been enrolled, a greater number than ever before. Seventy of these are boarders. Half of these are dependent for support. In some cases the parents are dead, in others the parents have deserted their children. A new home has been erected for these children.

Miss Wisner writes: “We believe that we have pupils, who, within a year, will be ready and glad to do the Lord's work in Native schools, if we can open the way for such work. A band of King's Daughters has been formed, consisting of eighteen members; they meet every Sunday afternoon, pray and talk together of the ways they have been trying to

serve Jesus during the week. In connection with the school there is a Girls' Mission Band, composed of the Christian girls. They have in a quiet way done much good this year. About Rs. 25 have been contributed to the funds of the band, part of this has been used in paying fee of a child in the Telegu School, and a part in giving a treat to the same school, and the remainder in purchasing the material to make Christmas bags, to be filled with tracts and distributed on Christmas Day. The bags have been beautifully made, having a card-board back which can be hung upon the wall, the card bearing the words, "Beloved, I bring you good tidings of great joy," which we believe has been found literally true by many receiving the bags. At their regular monthly meeting, while working on the bags, articles are read from the Gospel in All Lands, Heathen Women's Friend, and other missionary periodicals, from which quite an amount of valuable information about the customs and habits of the people of different heathen countries is gleaned."

There is a woman's work shop near here which has a wide influence in the city. Thirty women and girls find employment; they are paid for sewing. Five Burmese women here have been baptized. More schools could be started here among the Burmese if the teachers were available

#### SINGAPORE.

Miss Blackmore writes: "In visiting work how much easier it is to get into the homes of the people to what it used to be; now the welcome is cordial, and the women are opening their hearts to the truth. There is one woman we found who from the first listened with great interest, and for the first time heard of the great God. "I was so (bodoh) ignorant," she said, "when you first came to talk to me. I had never thought of who had made the world and the things I see around me, and who cares for us and gives us food and clothing; but after I was told of these things, in the night I thought over it all and said, why yes, it is true, it must be God who gives us all." She has lately become very ill, and suffers great pain with inflammatory rheumatism, but she tells us Jesus gives her strength to bear it. She knows death may soon come but she fears no evil. God does grant repentance unto life of these Chinese women.

Another woman, some ten or twelve years ago, went to a Mission School that was afterwards closed. She learned to read Romanized Malay; she received the truth and carried it home to her mother, a poor, struggling widow, with a large family. These truths comforted her, and she began to attend Christian service. Her son, feared she would become a Christian, and he took her to his own home. Mrs. Leicester called to see the family. The daughter has boldly professed Christ, and the mother is wonderfully interested, but a little cautious.



We have sixty houses on our list.

The school work is encouraging. Our Tamil school has greatly improved every way. An interest in the education of their daughters is growing among the Chinese. We have thirty of their girls now under instruction. Many are learning to pray. A young friend hearing them taught, said, "I would like to pray too, but I do not know English. Will God hear me if I speak in Malay?"

## CALCUTTA DISTRICT.

### CALCUTTA.

Miss M. C. HEDRICK,

Miss H. MANSELL,

Miss M. A. DAY.

The Calcutta school has two hundred pupils, and thirteen teachers besides the Americans. It has one of the largest buildings in India for a girls' school. A year of remarkable prosperity has just closed. This is the largest school under the care of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society. One girl in the school is supported by a band of young ladies in Salem, Oregon, and \$1,000 was collected by Mrs. Wire, in Salem, which has been invested in Agra Bank Stock, and another is one thus supported. Seventy-seven of the girls have joined the church, and others have become Christians.

The pupils are of all tribes, nations and religions; Jews, Brahmans, Hindus, Burmese, Africans, Germans, Italians, Portugese, English and Eurasians. One of the pupil teachers, who has been in the school four years, has the absorbing ambition to come to America to be educated, and return as a missionary.

Miss Hedrick says. There is one thing I wish to have understood, if possible, we cannot change the names of these Eurasian girls, they are baptized, and registered, and it involves a legal procedure and a large expenditure of money. We call the scholarship by the name of the patron, but this is as far as we can go. This school is self-supporting, and has had no help from home, only for building purposes.

## MUSSOORIE DISTRICT.

### ROORKEE.

The girls' school here has 24 pupils. These girls are Hindus and Mohammedans. There has been a wonderful opening here among the low-caste people. Eighty-five of them were recently baptized. Three Bible women are doing a good work, visiting more than a score of houses. In Maglaur 38 have been baptized, and a Bible woman employed.

At Laudhaura, a native city four miles from Roorkee, there is another girls' school, with twelve pupils.









## C H I N A .

## F O O C H O W .

## MISSIONARIES.

MISS C. JEWELL,

" M. C. HARTFORD,

MISS E. M. FISHER,

" J. BONAFIELD,

MISS M. CARLTON, M. D.

MISS E. JOHNSON, Trained Nurse.

Probably the event of most importance the past year in connection with our work in Foochow was the purchase of a new property for the accommodation of our enlarged school.

Those who were present at the last General Executive Committee will remember the earnest pleading made for this, and the action by which the Indemnity Fund paid by the Chinese Government for the destruction of our property in West China, was devoted to this purpose; also a sufficient proportion of our twenty years' Thank offering service.

Miss Jewell wrote with a grateful heart, March 17, that while the "Bungalow" of which she had written us was unavailable, they had unexpectedly obtained another property judged to be equally desirable. The present building contains eight large rooms, two halls, and servants' rooms in basement, and is surrounded by verandah on all sides. This building was occupied by Miss Hartford, in charge of Woman's Schools; and Miss Fisher, in charge of our Day Schools and Evangelistic work, Aug. 30.

The Women's School will be held here until the erection of an additional building, when it will be transferred to our school property, and this will be devoted entirely to our Girls' Boarding School.

The condition of Miss Jewell's health, the illness of Miss Hartford, also the illness of one of our student teachers, with the contracted quarters, have considerably interfered with our school work, but fifty have attended our Boarding School, and a good report is given of the students individually.

The condition of her health necessitates the return of Miss Jewell, and she expects to leave in November. If the work is not seriously, almost fatally, damaged, a young woman must go at once to Foochow to aid Miss Bonafield in this important educational work.

## WOMAN'S SCHOOLS OF FUKIEN PROVINCE.

There are three schools in Hing Hwa District. The one in Hing Hwa city numbers fourteen, that of Gwang Hau, nineteen; that of Ga Li nine, making forty-two women under instruction in Hing Hwa District. The schools are under the supervision of the Presiding Elder of the District, who has shown great interest in the work.

Many women are pleading for admission to each of these schools, and have been refused this year from lack of funds.

It is the plan to make each of these schools a training-school for deaconesses, requiring each woman to spend several hours each week in practice work among the houses near the schools.

#### DAY SCHOOLS.

Miss Fisher returned to China last Fall. Her work specially was to be travelling in the interior as an Evangelist, and supervising and directing our Day Schools. We have followed her on her lonely journey among the natives, travelling—accompanied only by her Bible-woman—in Chinese boats and in Sedan chairs, over mountain streams, spanned by a few boards, over mountain roads, over which you would think only mountain goats could scramble, and we have marvelled at her dauntless faith, and courage, and cheerfulness. She gives an account of a forty-days' trip; "Between four and five hundred miles thus travelled, over fourteen hundred women pointed to Christ as a personal Saviour. Sixteen schools were visited, thirty-four meetings attended, thirty-six homes visited," and she gives as her experience, "God did go before and make all crooked places straight. He did keep in a marvellous way. Personal communion with Him was never so sweet. He is proving His sufficiency to satisfy when away from all human companionship." The whole story is summed up when she says, "We carry the messages for God, look to Him for the strength, and give to Him the glory."

#### MEDICAL WORK.

Medical work has been faithfully carried on in the Hospital and City Dispensary by Dr. Carlton and her most valuable assistant, as trained nurse, Miss Johnson. Eight medical students are under constant and thorough instruction. Dr. Gregory, of the Parent Board, conducted their examinations at the close of the year, and has also assisted at clinics in the East Street Dispensary.

Plans are being adjusted for the erection of a small hospital in the city. Our Deaconess faithfully ministers to the spiritual wants of the patient while our Physician cares for their bodies. Miss Johnson pleads for a department for training of nurses.

#### "WOMAN'S CONFERENCE."

Miss Jewell reports the attendance larger than at any other session, more women submitted to the course of examination, and their efficiency being manifest by the way they stood these examinations. As is known, this Conference meets at the same time as the Annual Conference, and is for social, spiritual and educational advantages. All the women teaching our Day Schools must come up here for examination. At first this was very unpopular, and the effect was to eliminate from the ranks of the

teachers those who were not studious and earnest, and a reduction in the number of our schools. But the standard has been maintained; the women are measuring up to it, and the schools are multiplying in the hands of more competent teachers.

Papers from this conference were sent to the General Executive Committee by Miss Hartford, also one from a native Chinese woman.

## NORTH CHINA.

### MISSIONARIES.

MISS CLARA M. CUSHMAN,	MISS EDNA G. TERRY, M. D.,
“ ANNA D. GLOSS, M. D.,	“ MARY KETRING,
MRS. CHARLOTTE M. JEWELL,	“ LILLIAN G. HALE,
MISS FRANCES O. WILSON,	“ NELLIE R. GREEN,
“ ANNA STEERE,	“ ANNIE B. SEARS (Home).

If a detailed report of the work done in Peking by our Missionaries during the year 1888 could have been faithfully prepared and presented on this occasion it would constitute a most intensely interesting volume! The threads have been so many and the fabric woven so rapidly, that in the absence of the order in which each should be placed, we fear the chronology of passing events may not be strictly in “due order.”

At our last meeting, word came from Miss Cushman that she had invested the \$500 given her before leaving home, for the benefit of the work as she might judge best — in a property adjoining that already owned by our Society. A resolution passed the Committee authorizing “New England Branch to meet the deficit on said purchase if further help was necessary.”

Miss Cushman proceeded immediately to fit up the old building standing on this new lot for a Training School, where she could receive the women and give them such help as they needed most. Several ladies in the circle of Miss Cushman's special friends asked the privilege of supporting one of these women, and so the needed funds were soon provided. Early in February Miss Cushman wrote, “I am so glad to be endorsed by you in this Training School! As I saw eight of them kneeling around the altar the other evening, and begging for the gift of the Holy Spirit, the glad tears of joy and gratitude sprang to my eyes, and I thanked God he had allowed me this privilege of bringing them where they could be helped in this way.”

“One night this week one of the women was begging forgiveness of sins. Poor thing! Every time I tried to tell her of God's love she would say, ‘But I have such big sin! Forty years of sin! But I did not know it was sin! Night before last, one of them, who had scarcely heard the name of Jesus when she came, arose and said, ‘I want my sins forgiven; I want the Holy Spirit; I want to join on probation!’ Oh, I know it pays!

"And now I am going to take one of the rooms for a school, and plan for a larger number of pupils in the Fall. I cannot tell you how glad I am over it,—and everybody in the Mission rejoices with me.

"Now, I have another piece of good news! To-day we started the Boarding School in Tsun Hua, by sending off seven girls, in two carts, in charge of Miss Hale, who has been here for a few days. Yesterday she received a letter from Dr. Terry, saying she had nearly \$150 to spend, and thought they might start a school. I jumped at it, at once, and said take out some of the small girls from our Boarding School here, who belong out there, and take Tina for a teacher. She can play and sing, and speak some English,—and has been growing in grace of late. We were not quite sure about a room, but thought possibly we might have one of the rooms in the Hospital. So we ran for Mr. Low ry, and he said, 'A capital plan!' 'What next?' Then I went and asked Tina if she was willing to go. She thought a moment, and a beautiful look came into her face, and, with glistening eyes, she looked up into my face and said, 'For these several days I have been giving myself to the Lord and asking Him to give me work—but I never thought He would send me this!'—Isn't this the 'Preparatory department' of Peking Boarding School? You know I have long had a theory that there ought to be a school of this kind in Tsun Hua.

"Soon other 'plans' came for additional property to be secured, in order to provide for Hospital and the Medical work. Wards for women, and for members of the school as well.

"Then a call for the School for the Blind, a very numerous class in the populous cities of China. If the new property is secured there will be ample room for these different objects.

"When the estimates were sent, the *price* given for the new property was \$4,000. Word has been received since that it has been purchased in Miss Cushman's name for \$2,300."

Miss Green says of the work in the Southern City: "It is very encouraging just now. Good audiences listen to the Gospel message, schools well attended." Referring to her work in Peking proper, she writes: "All our girls but one have gone home now. For three weeks before the school closed we met every day for special prayer, that the Holy Spirit would dwell more fully in their hearts, making them strong to witness for Jesus and to withstand the many temptations they will surely meet." Miss Ketring refers to the "quickening spirit" which had come to the girls in the Boarding School. "All the girls are getting nearer to Christ, and a most beautiful 'working spirit' prevails throughout the entire school. We hope it may continue until 'vacation days,' so that the girls may become real missionaries in their own homes and among their neighbors."

## TSUN HUA.

Tsun Hia is the capital city of a large district, bearing the same name, located in a beautiful, fertile valley, thickly populated, and is therefore an important centre for missionary work.

Dr. Terry says: "Previous to my appointment to this place, the ladies from Peking and Tientsin had made a number of trips through this valley, but no permanent work had been established. When I arrived, this place had but recently become a 'station' and the congregations were small. A few women had begun to attend the Sunday services, and during my first summer here the number gradually increased. In the autumn we had a fine class of young women, and Mrs. Willits began systematically visiting in their homes. In the winter of 1888, prayer-meetings were commenced and continued through the spring and summer with increasing interest. After the Annual Meeting last fall, I visited three of the most promising women twice each week, accompanied by our Bible woman, and thus kept up their study. Miss Hale arrived in November, and her presence, sympathy and counsel have been an inspiration in the Home, and the social services and visiting among the people. The last day of December we opened a Day School, with five scholars, and dismissed in June with ten. In February, seven of the smaller girls from Peking were sent up as a nucleus of the Tsun Hua School."

Miss Hale says: "Schools closed June 13th with fourteen girls. I had taken all I could possibly accommodate, and turned others away for lack of room. Four of the girls remain through the summer. One because her father and brother wish to sell her to bad people in the city. She is one of the sweetest Christians I have here. The last prayer-meeting was one of great power, led by Ti-na, who gave the girls such encouraging words to take home with them. Every girl spoke, and seemed to have a knowledge of Him who is 'the way, the truth, the life.'"

The building for school next year is all under cover now, and will be ready for occupancy at the beginning of the school year, and I can imagine the happy faces of the twenty-five girls who will occupy the rooms."

## MEDICAL WORK.

Dr. Terry writes: "I have been called during the last quarter into several homes of the better class of people, and once received a visit from the wife of an official of the city. Have also made frequent visits to the homes of the poor families about us.

One day there came an invitation for the Bible-woman to visit a little village three or four miles away. Some persons there had received help from the Dispensary, and they wanted to learn something about the "doctrine." A few days later there came a like invitation from another



place. This time, Mrs. Jewell being with us, she and I went, also Mrs. Wang. Quite a company of women were present, and one, at least, seemed to take the truth into her heart.

In the afternoon Mrs. Jewell had a long personal talk with her. She wanted it all written down, lest she should forget it. Her home was twenty miles away. Mrs. Jewell was here on her way to Siang-tya ho and vicinity to visit the women who were in the Training School at Tientsin during the winter. We left Tsun-Hua Thursday, and remained at Siang-tya-ho until the following Tuesday. Friday and Saturday Mrs. Jewell held services morning and afternoon with the Christian women. I held a clinic once a day usually; one day had over forty patients. Monday afternoon, by invitation of one of the Training School women, we went to her own home, two miles away. She had called together her neighbors and friends that they might hear the doctrine explained by the foreign lady. If one should ask does it pay to bring together some of these poor, ignorant women, let some of Mrs. Jewell's remarks in regard to this woman as an example be the answer. "When she was in Tientsin among the other women, she seemed one of the most stupid among them. But at home, among her own people, she stood head and shoulders above them all. She had something in her *heart* which lifted her up, and made her superior to all the rest."

The Sunday afternoon meetings with the women have gone on very successfully, as also the work of teaching some of them during the week.

#### TIENTSIN.

Mrs. Jewell writes: "The work here in Tientsin has been well filled with interest and pleasure. Soon after the annual meeting, twenty women from our different country stations were gathered into a training class, most of them church members when they came; the few who were not, gave their names to the church before the church closed. Their ages ranged from eighteen to sixty years. Their intellectual capacity was quite as varied. One good old lady, after our most careful and repeated instruction, had not the remotest idea of the subject in hand. At the other extreme, we had another lady of about the same age as the former, and who had never received any instruction, except such as she herself had sought from some friend. At home she was never far separated from her catechism and Gospel, so that she always had a question to ask whenever the opportune moment presented. While in the training class, she learned to recite the catechism, important words of the Bible, made a thorough study of "Words and Deeds of Jesus," and in the same way studied about one-fourth of a simple "Old Testament History," "Acts of the Apostles," and one Gospel. The majority of the class showed an aptitude between these two women. During the winter one of the women unbound her long-imprisoned feet. Two other young women



were very anxious to do the same, but dare not, because of the dreadful mother-in-law! More than once they were found in tears about the matter. This movement was chiefly agitated, I think, by my assistant, who is a most ardent advocate of large feet. Five years ago, when she entered school in Peking, it was with difficulty we persuaded her to unbind her own feet. Class meeting on Saturday afternoon took the place of regular study; not a few of our class had an earnest desire for personal piety. Some of these women are going to be very useful to the Master.

In April, evangelistic work was begun in the hospital, and continued so until August, when Dr. Gloss was obliged to seek a change and rest. We have never, to my knowledge, had so many women who were attentive listeners and learners. Several learned the entire Catechism; others insisted after several trials,—‘It’s no use to teach *me*, I have no memory; but I like to hear the Mrs. talk!’ Some, with eye diseases, who could not see, learned by listening to the others reading aloud. One old lady, who will probably never be able to *see* a character, learned fully one-half the catechism in this way, and so thoroughly that I have heard her correct those who were reading wrongly. We have given away many books this year, mostly to home-going patients, who wish their friends and relatives to learn about the ‘True Doctrine.’”

In May Mrs. Jewell made a country trip of two weeks, and had many opportunities of teaching, and telling the “story.”

During the year Dr. Gloss has attended morning service at the East Gate Chapel, and taught the women who came. This is new work. She has had a Sunday School class in our house in the afternoon, with the object of reaching some ladies whom we have not succeeded in getting into the Sunday School proper. They are the wives of English-speaking Chinese. Some of them were students in America. These ladies are all from the south. Two of them are Christians, and one of them especially well educated.

Sunday mornings I have had a class at the West City, and in the afternoon attended Sunday School in the domestic chapel. The work in the West City is growing. The women’s class has averaged about fourteen. The Bible woman spends two or three days each week at the dispensary, and in visiting and teaching the women from house to house.

The woman’s prayer meeting and class meeting have been sustained.

Two day schools have been in session during the year, and a third one has been organized in the country recently.

The day school in the West City has been more promising than last year, although the number of pupils has not increased. Four of the five little girls have unbound their feet. They study well and are not hired to do so. In the other school, following a very common custom, I have given the pupils certain remuneration for a prescribed amount of study. I

get more and more out of sympathy with this plan every year; I hope I may have patience enough to work with one pupil if need be, rather than to again resort to the *bargain system*.

The month before Christmas this school numbered upwards of twenty; two months later, a half dozen. Some of these children really seem to take into their little minds the things we want so much to have them know. One day their lesson was about *prayer*. In response to a question they admitted that *everybody* ought to pray. I asked if *they* did: to which they answered 'Yes.' Thinking to try them a little farther I asked '*when and where?*' One of them said, 'Oh! we all live in one court, and every day we get together in a room, where there are no people, and sing and pray.' I asked if they thought God heard them and they most emphatically said 'Yes,' as if anything to the contrary had never entered their minds, and I sincerely believe there had not."

## CENTRAL CHINA.

### CHINKIANG.

#### MISSIONARIES.

MISS ROBINSON,

MISS LUCY HOAG, M. D.

"The school has had four new pupils entered for a term of years. Two of these, sisters, were dismissed, because their presence involved the maintenance and officious assistance of the whole family. These are the *additions* the school has made thus far. The riot may have affected the coming of more. We can only surmise this from the *fear* excited in the parents of those already in school, who took away their children temporarily at that time.

The girl who would be so disrespectful as to unbind her feet, has had further obligations to her mother-in-law cancelled by death. Her husband-elect, while a member of the Boys' School at Kiukiang, disobeyed orders, went in swimming and was drowned. She has been called home to observe the customary period of mourning, and we do not know that we shall ever see her face again. She has now the choice of masters, either to return to her own father's house, or to remain in her husband's family. The decision rests with her. If she chooses the latter alternative, she has, then, one of these three careers open before her—to be betrothed to her husband's brother, or to be sold for some other man's wife, or to do the eminently respectable thing, remain faithful to the memory of the departed until she is a hundred years old and then be buried by his side.

But the young man's family were not kind to the girl, and her own people are now urging her return. They are wretchedly poor, and could do at best but very little for her. If she goes to them, she is lost to us.

She was very happy to be in school, and wept when called to go, but the few years of comparative bliss here would ever have before her the prospect of going back to a cruel mother-in-law. No wonder she wavers. Her schoolmates are constantly praying for her return, and we are earnestly hoping to welcome her back.

Very unlike her is the girl who mourned for days to go back to her home, because there it was 'eat, sleep, and nothing else,' until the father threatened to come and beat her, if she did not rest contented with her lot. She, however, happily for herself and all concerned, has now quite another motive for contentment, and prefers this place to any other.

We were disappointed in our day school hopes. The chief reliance in this branch of work was unable to open a school this year, but she has been doing what she could among her neighbors, stirring one up to the confession that he had once been a Christian, but marriage had brought him an idolatrous mother-in-law, who stoutly opposed him.

Visitors have never been so constant nor so numerous as during the past year. Within five months over 300 women have visited the school—not to see the foreigner, but the children. These opportunities were not neglected. Many times has the regular work of the hour been laid aside, while the older girls, led by the Chinese Assistant, set about telling them of Christ, utilizing often the sweet voices of the little ones in song.

This seems to us the best feature of this year's work. There has been more consecration, more desire to share with others a benefit that has come to be a reality, a possession, not a profession only, in a word more of Christ.

The girls have their faults, and, often times are celestials only in name, but they are always delightfully teachable and 'open to conviction.' The spirit of fun and mischief, too, is in them as in the American girl. Here is an instance: One of the questions in a certain S. S. Lesson asks: Why was Nathaniel under the fig tree? One girl slyly whispered to another, 'If Mr. Longden asks me that question I'll tell him he was there *stealing figs!*'

In the Industrial Department nothing has been done worthy of mention. Our plans respecting this work were prevented by our absence in Japan. Embroidering shoes and making garments has been their chief employment this vacation. Their reputation for skill as knitters has gone abroad and brought them orders to knit the winter stockings of some of the foreign children.

We have no thought of discouragement. God has been with us, and He will cause to grow and prosper that whereon so many prayers and so much labor has been bestowed."

## KIU KIANG.

## MISSIONARIES.

MISS GERTRUDE HOWE,

MISS FRANCES WHEELER.

Miss Howe writes that seven of the girls in the school are Christians, and the lady teacher also. One of the old scholars is at Chinkiang, helping Dr. Hoag. They have a Temperance Society and a Band of Mercy. Her school has twenty-four scholars. While this is intended for Christian girls, others are admitted by paying prescribed fees.

## NANKING.

## MISSIONARIES.

MISS ELLA SHAW,

MISS EMMA MITCHELL.

This station has a school of twenty-five girls in Miss Mitchell's charge, and Miss Shaw cares for the work among women. Additional ground has been bought to enlarge the place, and the prospect is very encouraging.

## JAPAN.

## TOKYO DISTRICT.

## MISSIONARIES.

## TOYKO.

MISS M. A. SPENCER,  
MISS M. J. HOLBROOK,

MISS M. E. V. PARDOE,  
MISS F. E. PHELPS.

## AOYAMA.

MISS A. P. ATKINSON.

MISS M. A. L. VANCE,

MISS E. R. BENDER.

## YONEZAWA.

MISS M. E. ATKINSON.

MISS M. B. GRIFFITHS.

## TOKYO.

## TSUKIJI GIRLS' SCHOOL.

The last year has been one of unchanging prosperity, notwithstanding the vicissitudes through which the school has passed in its head teachers. Upon the transfer of the higher department to Aoyama, accomplished September, 1888, the Misses Atkinson and Miss Vance were stationed there, while Miss Watson, with Miss Thomas as assistant, had charge of the Tsukiji school until the end of December. The failure of Miss Kaulbach's health, necessitating her return to America, left Yonezawa without a teacher, a vacancy Miss Watson magnanimously offered to fill; and this arrangement being put into effect, left Miss Pardoe, who had arrived in Japan in November, in charge of the school. This would have been an impossibility for some, but Miss Pardoe's long experience at home eminently qualified her for the work, and she kindly consented to undertake the







difficult task. She has made a grand success, and the school has greatly prospered under her care, its religious status being exceptionably good.

The division of the school has been attended with the most encouraging results, not only in the increase of comfort and convenience, but also in the enthusiasm which it has aroused in the students as they look forward to promotion. During the year 122 pupils have been enrolled, 78 of whom are self-supporting. Eleven girls were graduated in June, all earnest, good girls, and all Christians but one, a day scholar, who has since shown a marked interest in Christianity. By far the greater number of the older pupils love the Saviour, and many of the little ones; and, although there has been no special revival interest in the school, sixteen of the girls have been baptized during the year, and others have asked for baptism. There has also been manifested a steady growth in the religious life of those who are Christians.

Miss Thomas, an English lady, who had a good knowledge of Japanese, has shared in the teaching, and taken some of the music scholars. Miss Spencer has given fifteen music lessons weekly, and notwithstanding her numerous other duties, Miss Pardoe writes that her services in other departments of the school, owing to her experience and knowledge of the language, have been indispensable.

The *Bible Training Class* under Miss Spencer's care, has had seven members. Three mornings a week have been devoted to them, and Old Testament History, the Life of Christ, Gospel of John, and the Acts have been faithfully studied.

Five *Women's Meetings* have been held weekly without interruption, and in one of them quite a number have come to believe in the One True God. Fifty-eight women have been in regular attendance, many of whom are prevented by their relatives from making an open profession of their faith, but some have been baptized.

The five *Day Schools* are a valuable adjunct to our work, and although hitherto rather despised by other day schools not Christian, their fine appearance on the Emperor's moving day, and on the occasion of the Promulgation of the Constitution, considerably raised their reputation. The Kanda School has been enlarged during the year, and a private donation has enabled the teacher to purchase some much-needed chemical and scientific apparatus for the older pupils. The Tsukiji School is occupying a new building with a capacity for 300 children, and an attendance of 202. The Fukagawa School is full to overflowing, and that at Asakusa is begging for a new building. Six hundred and twenty-six children are in attendance in these five day schools.

Five *Sunday Schools* are held in connection with the Day Schools, and are carried on successfully by twenty faithful teachers, several of

them being pupils in the Tokyo School. Besides these, which look after 385 pupils, the Tsukiji Church Sunday School has twelve teachers, with 175 scholars, and gathers in even old men and women to hear the Gospel.

A multitude of cares has prevented Miss Spencer from taking but one short trip into the country for *Evangelistic work*, but her Bible-woman, Mrs. Ushioda, accompanied by Miss Masuya, of the Yokohama Training School, went over the Tokyo District during the months of April and May. They returned quite wearied in body, but rejoicing in spirit, having held twenty woman's meetings, and attended thirty-two other services. The Ei-wa Jo Gakko, the *Girls' High School* at Aoyama was opened September 11th, and commenced its regular work, though much of the house was still in the hands of the workmen, who kept possession until November. The course of study covers five years, and the graduates of the school in Tsukiji are ready to enter the fifth class. Each pupil is required to assist a little in the general housework; exercise a half-hour in the open air is compulsory, also a fifteen-minute drill with dumb bells, and each girl has a little plot of ground in which she tends her flowers with the greatest pleasure. All but two of the girls in the school last year were Christians, and several have had regular Sunday work in the various Sunday schools.

Miss Holbrook, though engaged in the Peeress' School, has been overlooking the work of a Bible-woman in Tokyo, and Miss Griffiths joined Miss Watson at Yonezawa as soon after her arrival in this country as the condition of the roads would permit.

#### NAGOYA.

##### MISSIONARY.

#### MISS M. A. DANFORTH.

Work was commenced in this populous city in October, 1888. Arrangements were made for Miss Danforth to go to this new field, provided another lady could be sent as an associate in labor. Miss Wilson, who was making a tour of the world with her father, visited Japan, and seeing the great need, consented to remain and teach for the year.

Miss D. gives the following report of the year's work:

"A great writer has said, 'It is with schools as with plants, from the first fruit they bear we know what may be expected in future.'

The Seiryu Jo Gakko is a plant of but one year's growth, and as we give the first Annual Report of its progress, we have no rich stories to bring from the labors of the past, but only a handful of fruit to show what may be done by and by.

What is better than flowers or grapes, and insures a profusion of both in due season, is that the school has become firmly rooted in the city of Nagoya, and the people have faith in its ability to stand.

It was opened Oct. 3d, 1888, by Dr. C. S. Long and Miss Wilson. The former having given up his own rented house as the only building available for school purposes. Although there were some predictions of failure during the first quarter, the prospects on the whole, from the beginning, were very bright. To be sure there have been some obstacles to overcome :

*First*, We have been grievously inconvenienced by lack of room, and indeed it has seemed at times that even the poor house we have was to be taken from us.

The landlord being a Buddhist, naturally disapproves of any attempts to spread the religion of Christ among the young people of his province, and as the purpose of the school was more and more clearly revealed, we were requested to remove; lest angry Buddha should inflict punishment upon the old man's family. By dint of much persuasive argument, our presence has been tolerated so far, and we hope to be allowed to stay until Foreign buildings are erected. We regret having been obliged to reject applications for boarding pupils, as much greater influence can be exerted over *them* than over those who are only with us only a few hours each day. But even with the most watchful care, proper sanitary conditions cannot be preserved in our present crowded state, and as many cannot be admitted next term, as during the comparatively cool weather of the Spring term.

*Second*, When the new year came in, we found the appropriations granted for our support were utterly inadequate, and in the vain attempt to make both ends meet, we economized to such an extent as to seriously delay our progress.

*Third*, We had no musical instrument of any kind.

These are some of the clouds which have darkened our sky, and retarded the growth of our precious plant; but there has been an abundance of sunshine to nourish and strengthen it.

Financially, the W. F. M. S. came nobly to our aid, and supplied the deficiency which marred our books.

The receipts from the school also helped us materially, and showed a decided step towards self-support, being 632.92 yen.

In order that the girls desiring them might have music lessons, Mrs. Long has not only acted as our music teacher, but has also allowed the girls to use her piano, and all free of any charge.

In numbers we could not have expected such a result from the record of past achievements in Japan, for from 34 on our roll at the time of opening, we have increased 86, all self-supporting, as we have no Scholarships.

Spiritually, as we pause for a moment of retrospect, we can say with full hearts, 'Blessed be the name of the Lord.' During the months

of January and February there was a glorious revival in the church, and several of our girls were converted in our meetings. In all 26 are going back to their homes earnest, honest Christians, and though we look with longing after those who are yet unsaved, we can but rejoice with exceeding great joy over the little band, who have promised to be true to the 'Standard' during the months of Summer vacation.

As they gathered for the last little meeting of prayer and song, they told of homes where idols were daily worshipped, and of the opposition they must strive against, if they work for the Master; but each one showed her firm resolve to stand true for the Lord she had learned to love, and to try to win others to accept the same salvation.

The Japanese teachers have been most faithful in their classes, and interested in the general well-being of the school.

Looking back we know 'It was the Lord who led.' Looking forward we can see visions of wonderful things which may be accomplished,—homes which may be made brighter,—hearts which may be made lighter,—souls which may be won. The plant must be cultivated with watchful, prayerful labor, and the fruit will soon be known far and wide.

The people of this country sometimes train their flowering shrubs into the form of beautiful temples.

May the girls of this school be so trained that their lives be broad and pure, and their souls fit temples for the indwelling of the Holy Spirit! The success of this work is without a parallel, we believe, in the history of our Society."

Dr Long, presiding elder, says: "It gives me sincere pleasure to say that the work of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society in Nagoya has been conducted in a manner to command the hearty approval and admiration of the entire church. Miss Danforth and Miss Wilson have proved themselves to be wise organizers, judicious managers, and superior instructors. During the year they have enrolled eighty-six pupils, all of whom are self-supporting. The religious element in the school has been strong, and a number of the girls have accepted the teachings of Christ. The success of the school is, I believe, without a precedent in Japan. Much of the success is due to the active labors of Mr. M. Saigusa and the faithful work done by the Japanese teachers. No available house in Nagoya is large enough to accommodate the school, hence, a new and suitable building is an imperative need."

## YOKOHAMA.

### MISSIONARIES.

MRS. CARRIE VAN PETTEN.

MISS ANNA S. FRENCH.

The year has been an eventful one for our work in this field. Miss Rulofson, who had been very successful in the school and evangelistic

work for two years and a half, decided to leave, which she did in January. Fortunately the services of Miss Wilson, who, with her sister, was in Japan, at the session of the Conference in August, and seeing the great and absolute need of *help*, decided to remain, and render all assistance in their power for the year. The younger one went to Yokohama, where she has rendered most faithful and invaluable assistance to Mrs. Van Petten.

The Japanese teachers in the four day schools have done very well. Upward of 400 pupils are taught in them;

Furocho has again "outgrown its house," and the question is, "how and where" shall accommodations be secured for this increase of pupils? It seems to us most opportune that in Miss French, just gone to Yokohama, we have a lady esteemed as one of the very best organizers, disciplinarians and teachers to be found in the city, where she has taught for several years.

The "Report of the Bible Training School" is improving. Mrs. Van Petten writes: "Hitherto hath the Lord helped us." The year has not been without changes and trials, but the mercies have so far outnumbered these, that we must express our *thanks* to *Him*, and press forward."

We have had no serious illness in school or family. Mrs. Inagaki and Mr. Kanamura, as teachers, have labored faithfully the whole year, Mrs. Skeda a part of the year, while Dr. Rokkaka has given monthly lectures on Physiology and Hygiene.

The women of the school have developed a spirit of helpfulness most gratifying.

The school has grown in numbers, and sent out more workers this year than in any previous year.

The various departments of work, S. School, Women's Meetings, Day Schools, and Prayer Meetings, have all been kept up; also our W. F. M. Society, which has held very pleasant monthly meetings during the year. The number of members increased from 48 to 60 during the year. Membership fees have been used to support one of the Bible-women and assist in the evangelistic work.

At the close of last school year there were 29 students in the school, including the six who had just completed the course and who went out to work in various places, wherever most needed. Sixteen of the number returned for the present year, and a new class of twenty entered during the year, six of whom were not retained, fourteen continued. One lady of means entered for a time only, to study the Bible and go home to teach it. To do this she put her children in the care of relatives, and left her home and husband in the care of servants.

Three of the women in the first class, aside from their lessons, have been to help in the different S. Schools and meetings for women. Besides this, they spent six weeks of February and March in Honjo, at the urgent



request of the people of those places, who could not attend meetings in April, because of the "silk worm industry."

The Summer vacation is being spent by four of them in other places.

Members of the second class gave the month of April to Yokohama District. As the women in this class are all under thirty, with one exception, I have been very anxious about their work. No record of imprudence has ever come to my ears, however, and the results in baptism, and additions to the churches where they have labored is encouraging.

The third class, who have studied but one year, all returned to their own homes for the Summer vacation, except two, whose homes were too far away. We have had the hearty co-operation of presiding elder and pastors. It has been a great encouragement to us to know that they esteem this Training School an important factor in the church.

The women of our school, in connection with other Christian women of Yokohama, have done more this year, as a body, than ever before. I have not urged it upon them, but I like to encourage such union of effort, as a power in bringing about such social reforms as are greatly needed here.

"Our house is now full, and we need more room. Our day schools are full, and we must have larger buildings for them. Our churches are too small, and we need much larger ones. How all this is to be brought about we do not know, but we are looking to God to direct us."

Early in the year the growth of the Training School had filled every available vacancy; indeed, the whole building and dormitories were crowded, and applications were refused almost daily. So great was the need of more room that Mrs. Van Petten wrote home to ascertain if anything could be done toward granting money for enlarging, or leave to do this. Miss Carr, who had arrived and was spending some days in Yokohama, seeing the state and influence of the school, and the imperative need of more room, united in a strong, stirring appeal for aid to be granted in some way, if possible. We were cheered with the message, \$500 from Minneapolis Branch, a second \$250 from Des Moines, and we hastened the joyful tidings across the sea! Not long after, one of our faithful Conf. Sec's found an Israelite anxious to help in some way to bring in the glad, long-prayed for day, when The kingdom *shall* come in every deed, and she told him about this work in Japan, and after he had investigated it somewhat, he was ready to respond with \$1,000! But he was too modest to have his name appear, but the receipt for his check was to be made out to "Jonathan." We do not know *who* or where his dwelling place—but we do know that riches, such as this world holds not, can reach his heart in answer to our prayers, and the "hundred fold" shall be his.

With these gifts, the proposed enlargement or "Preparatory Department" can be put up, and no further appropriations asked for.



What a wonderful history this Yokohama Training School has had thus far! What signal answers to *her* prayers, whose precious dust has reposed for ten years, almost, beneath the shadow of this home, which bears her name, and from whose halls go forth these plesed, zealous, female disciples, to tell the

"Sweet story of Jesus and His Love."

## HAKODATI AND HIROSAKI.

CAROLINE WRIGHT MEMORIAL SCHOOL.

MISSIONARIES.

MISS AUGUSTA DICKINSON,

MISS E. J. HEWITT,

MISS M. L. HAMPTON.

The year just passed has been one of many changes in Hakodati. The failure of Miss Kaulbach's health compelled her to try a different climate, so she was appointed to Yonezawa. For three months Miss Wilson came to her relief. In November Miss Hampton returned. Though under appointment to Hirasaki she remained here, as Miss W. was compelled to go to Yokohama. The building at Hirasaki not being ready for occupancy, Miss H. remained until May, when we were compelled to give her up. Had it not been for the kind assistance of Mrs. Green, the school here would have suffered.

Miss Dickerson arrived just in time to celebrate the New Year. I need not say that we were delighted to welcome her to our midst. She commenced at once the study of the language, worked in the English department, and took classes in the Sabbath School.

Mr. Hago, one of our Japanese teachers, died during the year. One Thursday evening he seemed especially to enjoy the prayer meeting, and after reaching home he continued to talk and sing until quite late. Soon after retiring he was taken ill, and died before morning. Mrs. Uno, a lovely Christian woman, takes his place, and her influence is excellent over the girls. The growth of the school called for a special mathematical department, and we have secured one of the best teachers in the city, and also employed an assistant matron and sewing teacher.

The number of pupils enrolled in the Memorial School is greater than any previous year. One hundred and sixteen girls have been under instruction.

The teachers of the Bible classes have found an increased interest in the study of the Bible, and especially among the day scholars, and this is encouraging, for it is more difficult to win these to Christ than those who are in the house, directly under our influence. We see steady growth and development among those who have become Christians. While Miss

Wilson was here she organized the older girls into a literary society, which has been a great help to them. We have had one wedding in the school. Last November, Laito Ross, of the Philadelphia Branch, was married to Mr. Lato, a Christian gentleman, who has a pleasant home here in the city. The ceremony was performed in our church, the Church of England pastor assisting. The groom is a member of that church.

#### STREET SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Our street Sunday schools have been continued, and two new ones started; about two hundred children have attended the four schools. This seems slow work to give the children one hour a week, while they are surrounded by heathen influences the rest of the time.

Our girls are very useful in this work, the reflex influence is worth much to them.

The woman's class in our Sunday school has been kept up, but we do need a woman who can give her whole time and attention to woman's work.

#### HIROSAKI.

The girl's school, so long planned for by the Hirosaki people, was opened July 26th, with appropriate exercises. Many persons were invited, and some made impromptu speeches, congratulatory of having reached the advanced step of having a girl's school. The school, which had been started several years ago in the church, numbered over fifty pupils, and formed a nucleus for the school in the new building.

There were many difficulties in building; once, when nearly finished, the building was blown down. It is not well put up. It does well for summer, but will be cold and uncomfortable for winter. The fact that this is a religious school prevents many from giving money or patronage. The building cost five hundred dollars, with furnishings. The native Christians have done much. One man gave a hundred and fifty dollars of the amount, and another, not a Christian, gave fifty dollars. When one realizes that some of these people make only from ten to twenty cents a day, on which they support a family, an estimate can be made of what five hundred dollars means to them. About two hundred day pupils can be accommodated. The school is within two blocks of the home, which is a neat, well-arranged Japanese house. There are now sixty-eight scholars. Nine of these have been baptized, and about sixty attend church and Sunday school. A number of pupils from neighboring towns come, and board in private families.

Mrs. Wright, who has sent so many gifts to the work in different places, has not forgotten Hirosaki. She has sent an organ, sewing machine, and a large box of dolls. The gentlemen of the school board have sent her a note of thanks.

There are some good Christian families in Hirosaki, but there is also a great deal of conservatism, and they are not easily turned from their old beliefs. Our hope is in our girls.

### KIUSHIU.

#### MISSIONARIES.

MISS E. RUSSELL, (home on leave)	MISS LIDA B. SMITH,
MISS J. M. GHEER, " " "	MISS BELLE J. ALLEN,
MISS E. EVERDING, " " "	MISS ANNA L. BING,
MISS M. J. ELLIOTT, " " "	MISS MAUDE E. SIMONS,

MISS LOUISA IMHOFF.

The first decade of women's work in Southern Japan has about closed, and contrasting the day of small beginnings with the present expansion and hope, one is constrained to say, "What hath God wrought?" Here, as in some parts of India, we say, "Behold, the times come, saith the Lord, when the ploughman shall overtake the reaper, and the treader of grapes him that soweth the seed." In spite of sickness and trials of various kinds, the Nagasaki school has enjoyed a year of great prosperity, the enrollment reaching 190. The additions made to the building have all been utilized, and still more space is needed. The first class graduated in the English course.

Miss Russell left Nagasaki in May, having found it impossible to get away from the work earlier. At the very last, Miss Everding broke down in health, and Miss Russell brought her home. To provide for the work it was necessary to bring Miss Allen from Fukuoka, leaving Miss Smith once more alone. The best native teacher in Nagasaki was sent to her, and all assumed additional burdens. Two months later, the doctors ordered Miss Elliott home, and she, too, had to leave, those remaining doing their own work, and that of three others. In Fukuoka the same advancement in school work is reported, 90 are in attendance. Miss Smith has had heavy work and many cares, but found God's grace sufficient for every trial. One Bible woman is employed, and three weekly women's meetings held. The Sunday school work is very prosperous in Fukuoka. The commodious buildings just completed were greatly needed. Miss Smith reports a rapid growth in self-support, an increase in tuition fees of one hundred per cent. The same is true of Nagasaki. The amount collected in boarding and day schools aggregated over twelve hundred. At Kogshima there is one day school, and two Bible women employed, who hold five weekly meetings for women, and a flourishing Sunday school. Miss Imhoff and Miss Simons joined the Nagasaki forces in the spring. Miss Imhoff has charge of the industrial department, which is growing rapidly, also assists in teaching part of the day. Miss Russell says the girls pledged themselves to help the late comers, and

to do all they could to help in the stress laid on all. There are two bands of "Ten" King's Daughters among the girls, who have volunteered to help the new missionaries in everything, until they learn the language. They are to go with them to the city Sunday schools, and be mouth and tongue for them in the school when needed. Miss Imhoff has an industrial class out in the city, at a place where they had been trying to run a little Sunday school. She and Miss Simons, with the King's Daughters, will keep that work going. Miss Bing and King's Daughters will run the other Sunday school. There are other little openings which they will enter as they get time. During the last quarter, nine girls joined the church on probation, and others are considering the matter. The King's Daughters have a meeting at eight o'clock every night in the chapel, to which they invite the unconverted scholars to come and search the Scriptures with them, and their zeal and faith has not been without fruit.

## BULGARIA.

Work begun in 1884.

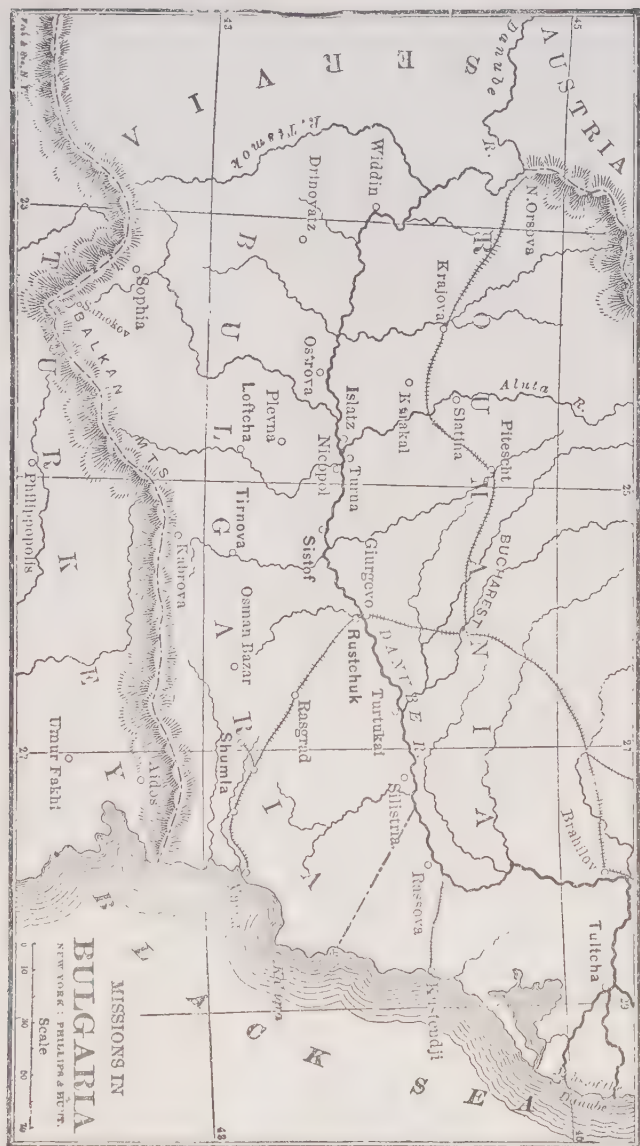
### MISSIONARIES.

MISS LINNA A. SCHENCK,      MISS ELLA B. FINCHAM.

In presenting the report of the work in Bulgaria, I cannot do it more effectively than by making extracts from the letters and reports of Misses Schenck and Fincham.

Miss Schenck was taken ill in December, and was laid aside from active work for four months. This, of course, brought additional work and responsibility upon Miss Fincham, but with the aid and sympathy of Dr. Challis, the pastor, and her assistants, she was able to continue the school in all its efficiency, and the year has been a prosperous one. Forty-four girls have been enrolled during the year, of which twenty-six have been in the boarding school, and eighteen day pupils. Three girls were graduated at the last commencement. One of them, Sophia Proca, maintained a standing above ninety-five during her whole course, and is of unusual ability, not only in mental attainments, but in temperament and spiritual insight. She gave the valedictory at commencement, without note or help of any kind.

The religious influence in the school has been maintained. The power of the blessed love of Christ has been exerting its sweet influences over the hearts of the most careless, making them gentle, obedient, jealous of the right, and wary of the wrong. Eleven of the girls in the advanced classes are members of the church, and most of the others take part in the religious meetings. Some of the girls have been sent out to visit the homes of the women, and do religious work in general, and as some of them will





undoubtedly be employed in this capacity when they leave school, it is well that they should receive some training in it. This is the only way to teach the greater part of the women. Miss Fincham writes, "that she is surprised sometimes at the readiness of many of them to engage in religious conversation, and the amount of religious consciousness they seem to possess. One poor woman whom she visited was dying in her poverty, with consumption. She said 'I have nothing at all, but this poor little wasted hand.' Miss Fincham replied, 'Oh, yes, you have the blessed hope of a home by and by where there is no more pain, nor sorrow, nor death.' 'As God wills,' she said, 'I am only looking forward an hour at a time. Life or death, it is all right. As He wills.'"

Immediately after the close of school, Miss Schenck started for Rustchuk to attend the examination of our primary school. She expresses satisfaction with the examinations and the general good order of the school. There is room for only sixteen pupils, and unless some change is made and better accommodations afforded, the inspector will close the school. This would be a great misfortune, as our school has been continued there so long, and especially as there is a constantly increasing community of Protestants whose children will be lost to us unless we can promise them educational advantages.

Miss Schenck went from Rustchuk to Sistoff to attend the examination of our own school, and also the Boy's Scientific and Theological School.

Here we are to have a beautiful room in the new school building, just completed, and will retain the same teacher as was employed last year, one of the finest graduates of the Loftcha school.

The school at Loftcha has opened this autumn with an attendance that has required considerable planning to make them comparatively comfortable. Many applications have had to be refused for lack of room. Much anxiety existed, by reason of an order issued some months ago by the Minister of Public Instruction, that in future none but Bulgarian subjects would be allowed to teach in the schools. This notice was sent to the several inspectors, and variously interpreted by them, some claiming that it would not interfere with the work of the directors of the schools, and others that it was meant to cover all such cases. A protest has been sent to the minister, calling attention to the fact that our schools are not national schools, but organized under a special law, and supported by foreign means, and that the teachers had been approved by the minister himself. They are awaiting a reply to this protest, but up to this time nothing has been heard from it, and the schools go on. The Exarch has also issued a decree urging the civil authorities everywhere to put down the heresies, so dangerous to their church and the national life. The edict includes both Protestants and Roman Catholics. One of the Bulgarian papers in commenting upon the order, said: "The minister will do



well to remember that religion was not propagated in these days by police force, nor gunpowder, and if the church was in danger, they must use the same means that the heretics did, namely, preaching, teaching, and the spread of literature." It is evident that they are making desperate efforts to hinder the spread of true religion. The fact that they are so disturbed is one of the most encouraging signs of the times. When they did not fear the teachings of the Protestant church, they let it alone.

The work of the Bible women is full of interest. Opposition is frequently met with, the women trying to prove that their religion is in accordance with the teaching of the Bible; but as most of them know but very little about the Bible, it offers an opportunity for teaching the true doctrines of the Scriptures, and paves the way for further inquiry.

A most interesting incident is reported by Miss Schenck. "In the city of Tirnova, where there is a large hospital, one of the medical assistants is a Protestant, and a faithful member of our little church. He uses his opportunities to speak of his faith to those under his care, and much good seed is sown in that way. Two or three years ago a young girl was in the hospital, with whom the assistant had some religious conversation. After she recovered she was sent, in company with another young girl, to a nunnery. A few weeks ago they left the nunnery, sending word to the bishop that they were disgusted with the life at the nunnery, and they intended to become Protestants. Of course this caused great excitement. The girls were found and brought before the court. The young man from the hospital, whose "words fitly spoken" brought about this decision on the part of the young women, was also summoned to answer to the charge of proselyting innocent and ignorant girls, and lead them from the true faith. He could not deny the fact, but when the judge inquired what authority he had over them, he replied that one of them was his betrothed wife, and he should endeavor to protect her. The judge then dismissed the case, saying he had nothing more to do with it. The bishop, however, succeeded in getting possession of the girls, and keeping them under guard, trying to persuade them by threats and entreaties to return to the true fold; but they stood faithful, and it was expected that they would be released, and would enter our school at Loftcha.

Bulgaria needs the help and the prayers of the church. No doubt the work progresses slowly, and the harvest is long delayed, but Christ has died for the redemption of Bulgaria, as well as for India, and China, and Japan.

## ITALY.

Work Commenced in 1877.

MISSIONARY.

MISS EMMA HALL.

"The year which has just closed has been one of trials and perplexities, a year which has put one severely to the test," so writes the missionary, "but the work has been carried on." Seven Bible women have done very faithful and efficient work. One at Forli, two at Milan, one at Pisa, one at Turin, one at Rome, and one at Venosa. These have held meetings for the women, have talked and explained the Scriptures, and some who were nominally Catholics have attended the church, and two women at Pisa gave up their prejudices, and asked to be admitted on trial. Some have had peculiar experiences, as they explained the Word, and many homes have been centres of religious influences. Miss Hall writes:—

"The most important work of the year has been the establishment of a Home and Orphanage in Rome. This *Home* gives a nucleus, about which easily gather so many other interests. A little Sabbath afternoon meeting is maintained in the large room which we call school room and chapel. A little missionary band is organized among the children which has four adult members, and numbers now nineteen. The girls earn their money by work done in play-time, and the larger ones unanimously voted to enroll all the little ones who could not earn their own pennies, and to pay for them, a ready generosity which it pleased me to see. The Lord is doing a good work among them, and I am looking to see develop in them an earnest, Christian character. A little English meeting, Wednesdays, in the morning, for Bible study, and prayer for the work in Italy, and especially in Rome, has proved a source of spiritual refreshing to my own soul. The Lord has seemed to set his seal of approval in a marked manner upon this work, and we look confidently to the *Home ladies*, 'The ladies in America,' as the children say, to give us a generous response for the coming year, enabling us to extend yet more widely these beneficent influences. Here, if you will, may grow up under your roof, Home, Orphanage, Bible Woman's Training Class, and the Home in Rome become a centre of influences to be felt throughout Italy, as these children grow older, return to their native places, or are sent to labor under the direction of the Society.

This report I cannot close without referring to the formal proposal of Chevalier Varriale of Soccaro, with whose name you are already familiar, to devote his property to the establishment of a Home, near Naples, similar to this already inaugurated at Rome, putting it under the administration of your Society through representatives here. Before



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another quarter passes, I hope that all the legal papers necessary will have been received, and that the bequest will have been legalized according to all the forms of Italian law.

There remains only to add a word in regard to the little school at Soccaro, which at its beginning seemed to promise so much. The persecution, of which I wrote in my last report, continued, and the persistent efforts of the priests, with their promises and threats, succeeded finally in removing every child. In these conditions I regretfully closed the school, and the teacher, to whom I was legally bound for the school year, was transferred to Naples, and assigned such work as she could do in connection with the church, under the care and direction of the pastor, until the end of the contract had expired. Do pray for all the lines of work in beautiful papacy-cursed Italy."

## MEXICO.

### MISSIONARIES.

Miss M. HASTINGS,  
Miss S. M. WARNER,  
Miss N. C. OGDEN,

Miss M. DE F. LOYD,  
Miss H. L. AYRES,  
Miss E. HEWETT,

Miss ANNA M. RODGERS.

The interests of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society in Mexico were never, perhaps, in a more prosperous condition in every aspect than at the present time. Everywhere new or larger accommodations are asked for, and the religious interest is quickening and deepening. In Puebla, Miss Warner's school has taken firm hold in the community, and is attended by many girls from liberal families. It has been necessary to enlarge the premises, and an adjoining building has been bought, which is undergoing the necessary repairs to meet the demands of the school. Considerable opposition to buying property for Protestant religious purposes is generally encountered in Roman Catholic countries, and our new purchase in Puebla was no exception to the rule.

This school, including the Kindergarten Department, in charge of Miss Ogden, has an enrollment of one hundred and twenty-nine, twenty-two of whom are boarding pupils, and seven of these pay all their expenses. In this, as well as in all our Missionary institutions, much of the education given is purely benevolent, and as far as possible the selection for free support is made from those who give promise of future usefulness. A gift from a lady in Boston has endowed a scholarship in this school, of which Miss Warner writes: "Thankful for this scholarship, we are praying that many thousands may be added to this beginning." Again she writes: "We have been blessed with another precious revival. During a visit from Rev. Mr. Smith, of Guanajuato, assisted by Rev. Dr.





Craver and Rev. Mr. Salmans, and the native pastor, Rev. Sr. Velasco, services were held, and the scholars invited to a noon-day prayer meeting; at least five-sixths of them accepted the invitation, and attended punctually for a week and a half. The awakening was more general than last year, and a greater number were influenced. The entire family of boarders have professed conversion, and many day pupils have been reached.

The school at Orizaba is taught by one of the graduates of Puebla, and another is assisting Miss Hewett in Tetela. In this latter place our lady missionary still resides alone, there being no other American member of the mission residing in the place. The school has held its own, with a slight increase; its scholars are chiefly from the poorer class of population, that is always fluctuating in a mining town. There is a steady and bitter opposition to the school, kept up by the priests and some influential Roman Catholic families; but some of the parents highly appreciate the superior advantages given their daughters by attendance on Miss Hewett's instruction, and express themselves as well satisfied with the religious teaching. Miss Hewett is brave and hopeful, and unwilling to leave Tetela until her work is well established, and can be safely trusted to a competent native woman.

From Pachuca Miss Hastings writes of crowded quarters, and pleads for more room, and though meeting with continued opposition from the priests, (as she says, "There is always a war going on over some of the children,") she is often encouraged by words like these: "I want you to teach my daughters religion; I want them to have your faith." The Mexican pastor reported 50,000 scripture verses repeated by the children of this school during last year. A second school, in another part of the city, is under Miss Hastings' care, and in both places two hundred and fifteen children receive instruction.

Of the Orphanage and school in the city of Mexico, Rev. Mr. Butler writes: "In the fifteen years in which I have known this work, there has never been more conscientious and consecrated work for the Master than is done here now." One hundred and twenty girls are enrolled on the list, and of these forty-two are cared for in the house; the parents of some of these pay something for what their daughters receive, while to a large number board and tuition are given gratis. Already, since taking possession of the new building, the growth here is demanding more room, and a third story is suggested, that more may receive the benefit of this truly home-like religious institution.

At San Vincente the wife of the native pastor (one of the former Orphanage girls), is teaching more than thirty girls; and at Ayapango, Maria Garcia, educated in our Miraflores School, is, with the aid of an assistant, teaching sixty-five scholars.

Miraflores has the largest school of the Mission. The owner of the mills being a Protestant, perhaps the people are less under the influence of priestcraft. Over one hundred girls are in the school, with Lugarda Chagoyan, formerly in the Orphanage, as teacher. This, with the large boy's school in another department, is under the general superintendence of Sr. Tovar, who has been the successful director of these schools for many years.

At Guanajuato the school was never more flourishing. It is constantly increasing in numbers and raising its standard, and has recently received honorable mention by the government inspector. The teaching of instrumental as well as vocal music, and the drawing classes, attract many scholars from the better class of citizens. Miss Rodgers, who arrived in Guanajuato early last February, is not only very happy in her work, but is giving great satisfaction to all parties. At present there are forty-nine young ladies in attendance; and here also there is an urgent plea for a larger house.

In all our schools in Mexico there are 935 girls under instruction, within the bounds of our Woman's work.

While trade and pleasure travel are penetrating into Mexico, extending American civilization, we pray that the children of God may not be lacking or slothful in gaining this nation for the Kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ.

## SOUTH AMERICA.

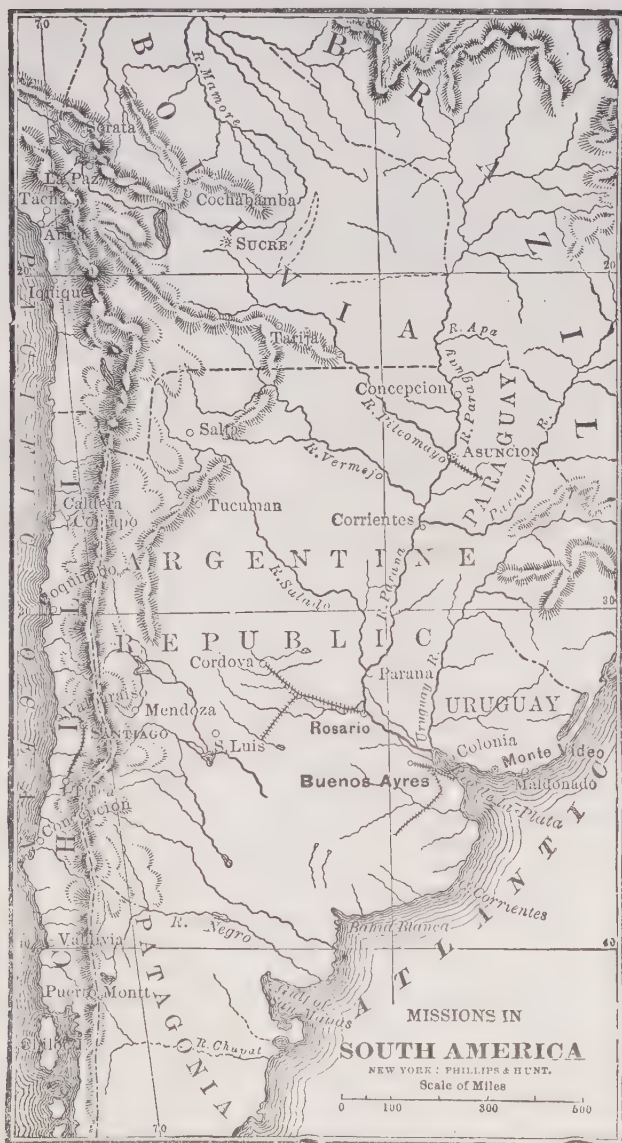
### MISSIONARIES.

MISS JENNIE M. CHAPIN,  
MISS ELEANOR LE HURAY,  
MISS MINNIE Z. HYDE,

MISS LOU E. DENNING,  
MISS MARY E. BOWEN,  
MISS ELSIE WOOD.

The direct work of our Society is still limited to the three stations reported for the last few years.

At the beginning of the present year the corps of workers in Rosario was quite strong, as Miss Bowen had arrived from the States, and Miss Corbin, who had been in Coquimbo for four years as a teacher, had joined the family at the Home, promising some relief to the overtasked ladies who had for so long — and so bravely — carried this enterprise. It will be remembered that an appropriation was asked for at our last General Executive Meeting for enlarging the Home so that more pupils could be accommodated — which was granted. Referring to this, Miss Chapin wrote early in the year: "We received the printed list of appropriations, and rejoiced greatly that the Society could do this for our work in Rosario.



But one of our workers has gone, since writing you last. There was a necessity for some one to be associated with Miss Hyde in Montevideo, as she could not live alone under the circumstances, and it was decided that Miss Corbin go there."

In May, Miss Corbin left Montevideo quite unexpectedly to seek treatment for dullness of hearing, and this left Miss Hyde alone again.

Miss Bowen, at her own request, was assigned to the School-work in Montevideo, and thus the ladies in Rosario were alone again, with such help as they could secure. Later, we learn that three of their former pupils were being employed, and with very good success. In reporting School work, Miss Chapin says: This year has been one of prosperity, so far as the schools are concerned. We have had at least two hundred and fifty girls in the two schools, notwithstanding the provincial school inspector — a priest, — opened a school only one block from No. 2.

Miss Denning has a class in normal training. The Sunday school at the Home is well attended. The other is in charge of one of our teachers. Not long since, she distributed little books, containing one of the Gospels, to the children. The next day a little girl came to her, saying "That was a bad book you gave me yesterday." "Who said it was bad?" asked the teacher; "bring it to me and I will give it to some other girl if you do not want it." "But" said the child, with tears in her eyes, "I cannot, for no sooner did my papa see what I had, than he took it and tore it in pieces." The days of ignorance, and when the "blind lead the blind" are not things of the past in this country. One of our ladies writes: "This year has been one of the most trying on those who have been longest in the country. Owing to the great amount of rain that has fallen, the crops have been almost a failure. Many have lost nearly all their cattle and other stock, so that those who were formerly in comfortable circumstances are reduced to want. Prices of many articles of food have doubled. And then another source of trouble has arisen from the coming of so many English emigrants to Rosario and Buenos Ayres as well; who, having heard glowing accounts from some emigrant commissioned officer, of the possibilities for becoming suddenly rich in this country, find themselves sadly duped, and that they must toil for their daily bread here as well as at home."

Of our work in Rosario, Mr. Drees says: "It is approaching a critical period, owing to the proposed retirement of the ladies who have given such long and faithful service to the Mission, and developed such an interesting and valuable institution. Their absence will be greatly felt, but we have arrangements in contemplation which will, we trust, enable us to keep on the work without suspension or disorganization. We have arranged for a lady to have oversight of the family as matron, who will go at once, that she may become familiar with the details of domestic arrangements before the departure of the ladies.

The school work, for the remainder of the year, will be carried on by two young ladies, providentially available at this crisis, and who may take it forward until successors to the present ladies can be appointed. They are now expecting to leave for home early in October."

#### BUENOS AYRES.

In Buenos Ayres, Miss Le Huray has diffused new life into the girls' schools, has a most successful meeting for women at her own house every Monday evening, and exerts a most benign Christian influence over some of the families represented in the schools.

Mr. Drees, in referring to the work, says: "Miss Le Huray's steady, faithful diligence in her work is worthy of all praise, and the fruits of her efforts promise to become speedily manifest. The improvement in regularity of attendance, good order, and advancement of the pupils, are now very marked. Her visitations among the homes is doing, and will do much good."

The work in Montevideo has been well reported by Miss Hyde, who sends a carefully prepared review of it for the year.

Of her school, which she hopes to make a "model" one, she says: "Miss Bowen teaches in the afternoon and I in the morning. Then she visits some mornings and I in the afternoons. Friday we have sewing, and both give our attention to it for the afternoon. We are trying to have our work very systematic, but we have great demand for 'patient continuance in well-doing.' We have now a nice class of English pupils, and we think we have two or three who may be trained for good teachers; they are very nice, good girls.

We wish to open a Sunday school here soon, and then a Woman's meeting. We have called at some of the homes, though our conversational powers are not developed much, yet we have been welcomed and we believe have done a little good by going. Some of the homes are indescribable! We believe there is a great work to be done in them, and we, as teachers of the children, can enter where others could not.

The field is as broad as any one could wish; it is an encouraging one, too. We do not know yet whether we will be confined to this one school next year or not. I confess to feeling anxious to get hold of all of them. We shall do whatever is assigned us the best we can. It is indeed a great work, and the responsibility of all the schools would be great. But if it is our work, we can do it, for we have a mighty helper. 'None of self but all of Christ.'



## KOREA.

Work commenced in 1885.

SEOUL.

MISSIONARIES.

MRS. F. SCRANTON,

MISS L. C. ROTHWEILER,

MISS META HOWARD, M. D., (home on sick leave).

The work in Korea has been somewhat interrupted during the year by the illness of Miss Rothweiler, who was compelled to leave for a few months, and the sudden failing of Dr. Howard's health, who was compelled to return home.

Of the school, Mrs. Scranton writes: "The school is regarded in quite a different light from what it was in the beginning. At first, the people appeared as if they were conferring a favor when they brought their children, now they acknowledge a benefit when we receive them. We now have 22 pupils. The work has prospered even beyond our expectations. A year ago such dark clouds hung over us, and how they would be lifted, we could not see; but work in every department in full force was resumed Sept. 1st, 1888. Our woman's meetings from that time until last April were largely attended, and full of interest. I have asked for a 'Chinese translator and copyist.' In this country your missionaries work at great disadvantage. They were obliged to begin without a Bible, without dictionaries or grammars, without even a leaflet which could be put into the hands of the people. We can get now and then something in Chinese which can be read by a few of the highly educated only. Of course this makes it clear that books must be made or translated. This work has been begun; one member of the Parent Board is devoting all the time which can be spared from his other duties to this branch of work. We are trying in our society also to do the little which we can to help along this line. You, who so thoroughly appreciate the value of the little leaflets you scatter in America, cannot wonder that I am intensely desirous that the women and girls of Korea shall have something to read. A book or a tract can go where we cannot.

At the last meeting held for women, 90 were in attendance, beside the women and girls of our own household. You will readily understand from this something of the severity of the trial it was to us to send the word that there would be no more meetings at present. From time to time since their discontinuance, the women have sent to inquire if they 'may not now come to be taught?' Only a few weeks ago a woman happened in while the girls' prayer meeting was in progress. At its close, she asked if she 'could not come every Sunday evening as she used to do.'



She said there was but little rice in the house; only a little wood; living was very difficult, but coming *here*, and hearing the singing and the praying, made her heart much lighter. I had never suspected this woman of thinking much about the things she had heard, and yet she had in some way learned that our God is a 'God of all comfort.'

I commenced in the Spring to give little Bible lessons every afternoon in my own room, and they have continued during most of the Summer.

They were started for the benefit of one woman, who had made a special request for such instruction. She was soon joined by another, then our three eldest girls wanted to come in, and two other women have been occasional attendants. It has been delightful to see the interest manifested in the study of the word, but a still greater encouragement and joy to find out that the interest was not all confined to the hour-and-a-half which I gave them. I often find the women and the girls studying the book all by themselves, and with an earnestness of manner which betokens sincerity of purpose. The father of one of our girls is gateman at the Hospital. Soonie asked me months ago if she could go and read to her father and mother a little while Sunday afternoons, and tell them what she had been taught here. Of course I gladly consented, and every Sabbath since then she goes with her Gospels of Mark and John, and her singing book, to give of that which she has received. I have learned recently that it is not her father and mother alone who listen, but also the women who are employed at the Hospital, and frequently a patient or two, and occasional visitors. She is a self-appointed Bible-woman, you see, and we believe her to be trying to live according to her best knowledge.

We believe several of the girls are Christians, and I am amazed sometimes when I listen to their prayers.

I found, two years ago, on the walls of one of their rooms, a prayer which was after this order: 'Great, great God, we make a hundred bows, and humbly beg the great, great God to look down from the sky upon very little people's very great devotion. We beg the great, great God to give us good fortune and great success. Great God, we beg you to listen to very little people's prayers, and we make you a hundred bows.' They pray differently now; they go to their Father in child-like simplicity, faith and love. They believe and receive, and often rise from their knees with happy, shining faces. Not long since one prayed, saying: 'Quickly make us all good, please, and quickly, quickly make all Korean people believe in Jesus and love Him.'"

#### MEDICAL WORK.

Our medical work has been satisfactory from the beginning. The Hospital is paid for and fitted up. Dr. Howard's work has not been con-

fined to the Hospital. She has met with favor in the homes of the people as well.

Some of her visits have been made to the houses of officials and men of rank. She has performed successful operations of a character which the women, three or four years ago, would not have submitted to. Since her coming, less than two years ago, she has treated 3,000 patients. This year, up to the present time, there has been an increase of 200 over that of last year. Medical work is bound to win its way in this country, and do much toward preparing hearts to receive the Gospel Message.

I must now tell you what will grieve you, but cannot so nearly break your heart as it does ours. Dr. Howard will go to America by the same steamer which takes this. Dr. S. will hold much of the medical work until some one else comes. We feel as if we could not wait a single week for a new doctor. We have great encouragement in the work. Were we all to leave Korea to-day, the work would go on, and eternity show grand results from the seed-sowing already done. We have obstacles, but pray the obstacles down, or pray us above them.

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## REPORT OF HOME WORK.

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### NEW ENGLAND BRANCH

Includes the six New England States.

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*New York* “ “ H. ROBINSON.....New York City.

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While the record of home work for the year is just commonplace, we find much to encourage us. Surely the “lines have fallen to us in pleasant places, and we have a goodly heritage.” The lives of all the officers of the Branch have been preserved, even though the dark-robed

messenger has claimed some of their households. Harmony and good-will have reigned in all our borders. Financial obligations, largely in advance of any previous year, have all been met, and we have contributed upward of \$1,400, not included in the appropriations for the year. Conference and camp-meeting anniversaries have been good, some of them unusually successful, reported "the best we have ever had." A very gratifying increase of interest among the young ladies and children, resulting in the organization of more than a score of mission Bands.

The monthly meetings of auxiliaries are increasing sources of interest and intelligence wherever systematically sustained, and we notice with great satisfaction that the Uniform Study is increasingly popular, both in auxiliaries and Bands. One Convention has been held in the interests of the young ladies' societies and Bands, and proved an exceedingly interesting and profitable occasion, and we trust it will stimulate others to "go and do likewise."

Thirty District Conventions have been held, and each one has been productive of much good.

The Twentieth Anniversary of the organization of our society marks the year as one of great historic importance and interest. How shall the event be observed by this Branch, which enjoys the special honor of having been the birth-place of the society? was a question demanding and receiving careful, prayerful attention, and resulted in placing a memorial window in the Tremont St. church, where the society was organized, to be effected through the free-will offerings of *individuals*, no auxiliary, as such, to be asked to contribute.

At the anniversary exercises, held on the 26th of March, instead of the 23d, the real birthday, this memorial was formally presented, in behalf of the officers and members of the W. F. M. S. the wide world over, to the trustees of the church, as custodians, through Rev. W. N. Brodbeck, the pastor, whose address on the occasion was full of information, enthusiasm and inspiration.

And so it came to pass, that for our twentieth mile-stone, this, our "Ebenezer," was set up, which will declare to future generations the very beginning of this agency, which shall be as "The handful of corn in the earth, upon the top of the mountains, the fruit of which shall shake like Lebanon."

There have been sent out fifteen hundred Branch Annual Reports, six hundred of "Nineteenth Annual Report of Woman's Foreign Missionary," thirty-nine different missionary letters, hectographed, making 3,288 pages, and about 197,200 pages of leaflets, including the "Children's Quarterly."

The Leaflet supplementing the Uniform Study has been particularly helpful, and in great demand.

The addition of 1,392 Mite Boxes to those previously in circulation, shows that these silent, unpretentious solicitors in the family, have not become obsolete.

"Heathen Women's Friend" growing better month by month, with an increase of auxiliaries and additional members,—what can we say, when the Agent, through her figures, declares a decrease of subscribers in New England Branch of 151!

Missionary zeal will never grow and thrive without missionary knowledge.

Several Boxes, freighted with Christmas gifts for the girls and women in the Schools and Homes, have been sent, to the great relief of the missionary, who must furnish these "tokens of love" and rewards of merit by some means. As contributions have come in for these, some of them have been accompanied with messages like this: "If these little gifts carry as much joy and happiness to the dear children who may receive them, as have come to us in preparing them, we know that many hearts will be made very happy."

We have sent only two ladies to the field, Dr. M. A. Sheldon to Moradabad, India, and Miss Anna S. French to Yokohama, Japan.

During the first half of the year the finances fell behind the demands a "long way;" but some large bequests and donations helped us through, and we found again the word of promise verified, "My God shall supply all your need, according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus." "He who sitteth over against the treasury, knows just what these funds represent," of toil and thought, of praying and planning, of sacrifice and serving, of loving remembrance of His infinite mercies!

The year with its record has gone,—as we step now upon the new. God grant it may be a year of blessing, of progressive movement and glorious victory.

MRS. M. P. ALDERMAN, *Cor. Secretary.*

#### TREASURER'S REPORT.

Balance, October 1, 1888.....	\$451 14
Amount received for the year.....	32,663 09
Amount Disbursed.....	30,997 96
Balance on hand October 1, 1889.....	1,665 13
Lucknow College.....	228.72
Sent direct to Miss T.....	42 00

#### NEW YORK BRANCH.

This branch includes New York and New Jersey, with headquarters in New York City.

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<i>New Jersey Conf.</i> .....	" D. D. LORE,.....	Summit, N. J.

At the session of the last General Executive Committee, action was taken recommending that special Thanksgiving services be held throughout our borders, to commemorate the wonderful guidance and prosperity given us during the twenty years we have been permitted to have a part in this blessed work, which reached out to help womanhood all over the world, and lead it to Christ. These services were very generally held in the N. Y. Branch, and were seasons of gladness and spiritual joy to the women, who for years have worked and prayed together for the extension of Christ's Kingdom among the women, who wait for a woman's voice to tell them the blessed truth of salvation by faith in Jesus. The review of the past is most encouraging, and will be profitable to us as workers, if, with fuller consecration to Christ, and dependence upon Divine strength, we take up the responsibilities of future service, which must be accomplished through the same patient, persevering toil, to which God has given his blessing in the past.

We wish we could adequately express our appreciation of the labors of our Conference and District Secretaries, and the auxiliary officers and members in this N. Y. Branch.

This season of review has shown their work. The money has come through their efforts. The Missionaries are theirs. They and their work have been sustained and comforted by their prayers, and to these friends they owe the mementos of kindness and love that have gone in



the boxes sent to the various stations, cheering and comforting them, as fresh breezes from their native lands.

The Quarterly and District meetings and camp meeting anniversaries held, have increased the zeal and enthusiasm in the work. The Ocean Grove Anniversary, under the management of our kind friend, Dr. Stokes, went beyond its former record. Increased knowledge and interest in missions were given to thousands of people from different parts of our country in the two days given to the presentation of this work. The Young Ladies' meeting crowded the Temple to listen to Miss Gheer on the work in Japan. While we rejoice in the large collection, we hope for offerings more precious than gold as the result of that large gathering. We have no large increase in the number of auxiliaries to report, but much has been done to increase and revive the interest in those already recorded. Perfect harmony prevails among all our workers, and we rejoice in the willing co-operation of every officer in all the work undertaken. Financially, our thank offering collection was not very large, but it met the appropriation of one thousand dollars to the Foochow School, for which this special collection was pledged, and left a balance of five hundred dollars for the Lucknow College for women. The full amount raised was fifteen hundred dollars. We have had no returned missionaries of our own branch this year upon whom we could call for aid, but Mrs. Baldwin, Mrs. Osborne, Miss Knowles, and Miss Layton, who reside in the New York Branch, have rendered much kindly assistance in our public meetings, which we gratefully acknowledge. We have prepared and sent out two young women to the foreign field. Miss Elsie Wood sailed on the 25th of August for Buenos Ayres, South America. She is the daughter of Rev. T. B. Wood, Missionary of the General Society in South America for many years. Miss Theda Parkersailed for Mexico on the 16th of October. She is destined for Puebla, Mexico, to relieve Miss Warner.

Mrs. Gheer is with us in improved health, looking to an early departure for Japan. Miss Sparkes sailed one year ago, in the autumn, for India, and reached her destination safely, and is now occupying the Deaconess' Home in Muttra. The donation made to Miss Sparkes of \$500 for this work last year, at Ocean Grove, was supplemented this year by an additional \$500. This money is to be devoted to the Rest Home in Brindaban, to be called the Ocean Grove Rest Home, and supplies a much needed refuge from the sun and heat, for the workers who daily toil among the widows and at the Melas. The work in our Branch has been greatly helped by the leaflets furnished by the literature committee. So varied and abundant is the supply of superior leaflets, that we almost feel we need no other library for missionary intelligence. The *Heathen Woman's Friend* maintains its high standard, and continues to be the



organ of communication between the missionaries and the societies. We believe its circulation is vital to the interests of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, and we regret to report even a small falling off in the number of subscribers. We do not attribute this decrease to loss of interest in the paper, but to the early season in which the Report is made up, before the return of many of our people from the summer vacation. The mite boxes and barrels are still in demand, and are particularly useful among our young people, and to the use of them we attribute much of our success in weekly penny collections. The young people's societies continue to flourish, but we feel that this department of our work needs special vigilance, lest the interest be diverted by the various organizations in and out of our churches. To retain their interest, we have endeavored to give special work, such as orphan's and scholarships to young ladies' societies and children's Bands, hoping to give them a personal feeling of responsibility for part of the work. Our German societies have advanced a little this year, but they greatly need the helpful visits of our German corresponding secretary, or some one who could co-operate with her in organizing and interesting our German sisters. Commencing this year with a very small balance in our treasury, and over \$41,000 pledged, we are glad to report that our conferences have not fallen off in their collections. Our appropriations are all paid, and some additional, which were necessarily assumed during the year, to meet emergencies arising in the foreign field. The N. Y. Branch has work in most of the stations occupied by the society, and from every station there comes a report of growth and success, and demand for workers to help bear present burdens, and for means to extend the work.

We render heartfelt thanks to all our contributors, and honor and praise to the Great Giver of every good and perfect gift, our Father in Heaven.

"Under the shadow of His throne  
Still may we dwell secure,  
Sufficient is His arm alone,  
And our defence is sure."

H. B. SKIDMORE, *Corresponding Secretary.*

### TREASURER'S REPORT.

FROM OCT. 1, 1888, TO OCT. 1, 1889.

#### Receipts.

Central, New York Conference, .....	\$4,304 75
Erie, .....	329 50
Genesee, .....	4,242 28
New York, .....	5,759 21
New York, East, .....	5,658 66
Northern New York, .....	4,461 09

Troy,.....	5,057 08
Wyoming, .....	1,325 25
Newark,.....	4,258 58
New Jersey,.....	3,985 85
East German,.....	238 00
Miscellaneous,.....	52 09
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	\$39,672 34
Bequests, .....	3,478 86
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	\$43,151 20
Disbursements.	
India,.....	\$14,250 51
China,.....	8,172 64
Japan,.....	9,752 58
Korea,.....	1,200 00
Bulgaria,.....	880 00
Italy,.....	900 00
South America,.....	3,336 00
Mexico,.....	3,935 00
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	42,427 13
Domestic expenses, .....	686 09
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	\$43,113 22
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Balance October 1, 1888,.....	1,019 49
Receipts,.....	43,151 20
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	\$44,170 69
Balance October 1, 1889,.....	\$1,057 47

## PHILADELPHIA BRANCH.

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<i>Central N. Y. (frac.)</i> ,	" I. RENDELL, Towanda, Pa.
<i>Philadelphia</i> ,	" S. M. VERNON, Lancaster, Pa.
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*Wilmington (frac.),* MRS. E. B. STEVENS, 227 E. Boundary Ave.,  
Baltimore, Md.

*Wyoming* “ “ E. L. OLMSTEAD, Sayre, Pa.

We would give thanks for the marks of Divine approval which have been vouchsafed us through the year, notwithstanding some apparently severe and depressing providences. All our appropriations have been met, though the receipts for the year were not quite sufficient for the demands, and we were happy in having a balance in our treasury upon which to draw. The entire appropriation for contingent has been used to meet emergencies arising in some of the Mission fields.

The treasury records an advance of more than two thousand dollars over any year of our previous history. Eighteen hundred and twenty-seven dollars have been received from bequests. A donation of \$300 was given for a special object, and the Branch has contributed upwards of \$3,000 to buildings and repairs in various localities.

The Thank Offering services were attended with real spiritual profit, and an increase of missionary zeal. The result to our treasury amounted to \$2,768.08, which would have been largely augmented, but at the time chosen in Central Penn. Conference to hold these meetings, the floods came with their terrible destruction. In one place the ladies had prepared lunch for an all-day gathering, and many were about starting from their homes, when the waters rushed in. Carpets had to be taken up, furniture moved, children cared for, and then personal safety sought, only to see earthly possessions swept away.

The obliteration of several societies looked as though a desert track would appear on the map of our receipts; but from one and another of these desolated towns a word reaches us that brings tears to our eyes. The faithful President of the Johnstown Society calls a meeting, and finds that eight members have been buried beneath the waters; but that the treasurer, having deposited in the bank the collection immediately preceding the disaster, the twenty-five dollars are safe, and are forwarded to the Branch treasury, for the rescue of those whose souls are in peril. Human foresight would predict that this wholesale destruction of homes and churches, lives and livelihoods, would cause a serious deficiency in our treasury for the coming year; but we look unto God to supply all our need. If, from the heart, we can say with Paul, that neither tribulation nor distress, peril nor famine, can separate us from the love of God and His work, we shall find ourselves more than conquerors through Him who loved us. “What is our little store? A world is filled if His hand breaks a loaf.”

The Branch has sent out five new missionaries during the year. Miss McBurnie, of Philadelphia, went with the company who sailed for India

last Fall, and in the same party was Miss Black, of Oil City, who at first entered the Deaconess' Home in Calcutta, but has since been transferred to Rangoon. Miss Pardoe, since last November, has been doing the full work of a missionary in Tokyo, and Miss Dickerson, who has been most assiduous in preparation for future usefulness in Hakodati, has undertaken the superintendence of the new school at Hirosaki. February first, Miss Rodgers arrived in Guauajuato, and immediately took charge of the Girls' School, which, under her management, has steadily increased and prospered. Miss Hewett is only waiting for re-enforcements to arrive in Hakodati, that she may return home and grow strong again. There are at least five young ladies in our midst preparing for work for Christ in distant lands.

The sending out of a missionary is a great incentive to action, in the churches where she is known. Information is eagerly sought about the country to which she has gone; mission boxes are packed and sent, and her frequent letters cement friendship, till every woman who works for her feels that *her* sister is in India or Japan.

The close tie that grows up between the societies and their missionary is as tender as it is broadening and elevating. Our Father means that the nations of the earth should be bound together in one heavenly family through the love of Christ, and one part is not made perfect without the other. So He is calling us to His most blessed word, of being near those who sometimes were afar off.

“ And if the *work* on earth be sweet,  
What will the *glory* be?”

S. L. KEEN, *Cor. Sec'y.*

#### TREASURER'S REPORT.

Sept. 25, 1888, Balance.....	\$8,115.65
To Sept. 25, 1889, Receipts.....	23,256.79
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	\$31,372.44
Disbursements.....	24,991.50
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Sept. 25, 1889, Balance,.....	\$6,380.94

#### BALTIMORE BRANCH.

This Branch includes Maryland, District of Columbia, and Eastern Virginia, with headquarters at Baltimore.

#### OFFICERS.

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*Frederick*, “ “ C. W. BALDWIN, 414 S. 10th st., S. W. Washington, D. C.

*Wilmington Conference, (fractional.)*

MRS. E. B. STEVENS, 227 E. Boundary ave., Baltimore, M. D.

How beautiful are the ideals that float before our vision, yet how rarely realized in our actual life. But where has there been any attainment worthy the name, save as these ideals have been held aloft and brought forward? So very slowly we have been progressing toward ours—an auxiliary in every charge, and every woman, in some way, identified therewith.

Believing the purpose of our society is very imperfectly accomplished, when it is simply or chiefly a money-gatherer, we have tried to make our monthly meetings occasions of instruction and profit, when thought shall be enlarged, information received, and our members shall be quickened in their conscious relation to God and humanity.

We find among our children a growing interest and increasing help in this work. Mite boxes have been more generally distributed, and yielded larger results than any previous year.

The twenty years' thank offering was combined with our Easter service, and gratitude for all the way by which the Lord our God had led us, was blessedly blended with the faith, and hope, and joy which the Easter thought expresses. Suitable services were held by most of the auxiliaries, and a general Branch service at headquarters.

While the gross receipts for the year are a little less than last year, this deficiency is because less has been received from legacies and special gifts, there having been an advance in the receipts from auxiliaries in all directions. As in other years, and in other places, the money seemed sacred, not only because of the purpose to which it is devoted, but because of the sacrifices it represents, and the prayers with which it is baptized. Holy enthusiasm has mingled with the offerings, and we expect heavenly fire to crown the gift.

Our annual meeting was more largely attended than any we have had, and was an occasion of great interest. So, reviewing the Home work in all its aspects, while we perceive many deficiencies and failures, we have reason for rejoicing and thanksgiving in the beautiful harmony and earnest devotion of our workers, and that on many lines, financial, intel-

lectual and spiritual, there is healthy progress. We are far from having attained, or from being perfect, but we press toward the mark.

The Branch stood responsible for sending a lady to Japan during the year. The necessity of Miss Russell's return from Nagasaki, and the failing health of other ladies, made it imperative that one should be sent in March, and Miss Simon responded to a hasty summons, reaching Nagasaki April 28. How providential the arrival would prove, we did not suspect; for scarcely had she reached Nagasaki, when our Miss Everding, that "bundle of faithfulness," as she has been termed by her associates, suddenly and utterly broke down. With considerable difficulty she was brought to her home by Miss Russell, whence sad news comes to us of her continued weakness and suffering, the mind sympathizing with the body. Miss Everding's condition claims our tenderest sympathy, and most fervent prayers.

We bring another offering to the work, which we count very precious. The heart of a young girl (a Methodist preacher's daughter) some years ago was struck with conviction concerning missionary work. Believing that work to be the highest and best given mortals to do, she believed it her duty to seek the highest preparation to fit her for its discharge. Our Woman's College had not then materialized. Dickir-sone College, with the traditions of a century behind it, rather reluctantly opened its doors for co-education. Miss Bender was among the first who entered and speedily took the position at the head of her class, a position steadily held during her four years' college course, until she graduated with its highest honors in 1888. A year's course in the Indian Training school at Carlisle has crowned this culture, which, with beautiful simplicity, and with single-eyed devotion, she lays at her Master's feet.

We also take it as a happy and Providential co-incidence, that, while our young Missionary was preparing to give herself to this work, a band of King's daughters, in our city, were planning to raise money to send a Missionary to foreign fields. The one whose heart prompted her to go—and they whose hearts prompted them to send—were brought together, and they rejoice in her as their representative. The daughters of the King are thus about their Father's business.

"Wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business?" was the searching query of the boy in the temple revealing the spirit and purpose of His life. In like spirit we would do like work, that we too, in bringing many sons to glory, may enter into the joy of our Lord."

I. HART, *Cor. Sec'y.*



## TREASURER'S REPORT.

Balance on hand Oct., 1888.....	\$4,403.43
Receipts during year.....	9,365.79
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	\$13,769.22
Total Disbursements.....	10,560.45
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Balance, Oct. 10, 1889.....	\$3,208.77

## CINCINNATI BRANCH.

This Branch includes Ohio, West Virginia, Kentucky, and Tennessee, with headquarters at Cincinnati.

## OFFICERS.

<i>President</i> .....	MRS. BISHOP CLARK, Glenway Ave., Clifton, Cin., Ohio.
<i>Rec. Secretary</i> .....	MRS. C. W. BARNES, Winton Place, Cincinnati, Ohio.
<i>Cor. Secretary</i> .....	MRS. B. R. COWEN, 7 Crescent Place, Cin., Ohio.
<i>Treasurer</i> .....	MRS. WM. B. DAVIS, Glenway Ave., Clifton, Cin., Ohio.

## CONFERENCE SECRETARIES.

<i>Cincinnati Conference</i>	MRS. J. F. LOYD, 164 E. Pearl St., Cin., Ohio.
<i>Ohio</i> “	“ J. H. CREIGHTON, Lithopolis, Ohio.
<i>Central Ohio</i> “	“ A. S. CLASON, Delaware, Ohio.
<i>North Ohio</i> “	“ H. BENTON, 272 Sibley St., Cleveland, Ohio.
<i>East Ohio</i> “	“ E. HINGELEY, Ravenna, Ohio.
<i>West Virginia</i> “	“ C. E. JACKSON, Moundsville, West Virginia.
<i>Kentucky</i> “	“ G. E. SAVAGE, Covington, Kentucky.
<i>Tennessee</i> “	“ S. W. JOYCE, Chattanooga, Tennessee.
<i>Centl. German</i> “	MISS CLARA BAUR, 56 Milton St., Cin., Ohio.

“When I sent you forth, without purse or scrip, lacked ye anything?” was the question put to the disciples in that upper room at Jerusalem, by the blessed Master, and they answered, “Nothing.” How many times since have other disciples, who have gone forth to do His bidding, been enabled to bear the same testimony. And again, with very grateful hearts, the members of the Cincinnati Branch bring the gathered sheaves of another year, acknowledging that it has been verified once more, going forward in obedience to His command, they have found they had not to go alone—but the promise, “Lo, I am with you,” made the way easy and the burden light. Though the work assumed at last General Executive Meeting was \$6,000 more than the receipts of the previous year, and though the way seemed dark at times, and not only *labor* but *faith*, was required, we close our year with our pledges met and our courage strong for another year of effort. Some of the influences which helped bring about this result may

be mentioned. The meeting of the General Executive Committee, at our headquarters, a meeting so rich in blessing, that its influence has been felt all the year; the earnest, united co-operation of Conference and district secretaries; the zealous enthusiasm of many of our young people; the widespread participation in our Thanksgiving day, bringing not only money into the treasury, but spiritual power and missionary intelligence to individual hearts; the diffusion of missionary literature; but above all, the presence and blessing of the Master, which alone "maketh rich." It is a pleasure to report quite an increase in the subscription list of the *Heathen Woman's Friend*, and a well-founded hope that it is but the beginning of an increase that will, at least, be in proportion to the growth in membership.

District conventions, conference anniversaries, camp meeting auxiliaries, have aided in stimulating interest and helping to make systematic and thorough work. As a general thing, we have had the cordial support of the ministers, and are grateful for the uniform kindness received from our Western and Pittsburgh advocates. The Annual Meeting held in Zenia, O., October 9th and 10th, was a blessed one, and the spirit was manifestly present throughout the entire meeting.

Of the twenty-two missionaries belonging to the Cincinnati Branch, all have been on the field except Misses Thoburn and Sears, until Miss Russell came home in July, followed more recently by Miss Elliott. Miss Russell was worn out by ten years of hard service and greatly needed a change. Miss Elliott's health is broken, and her return was a necessity to save her life. Miss Warner expects to return from Mexico, and Misses Wisner and Reed, of India, are both ordered home by their physicians, and the same is the case of Miss Jewell. They have all done good service, and only come to get strength for more efficient work in the future. Each of these places must be filled; Miss Sears hopes to return to China in a few months, and three other accepted candidates are waiting orders to move to the front. While we have fewer candidates than usual this year ready for immediate service, the number of those who are making preparation is large and encouraging. Each of our Methodist schools have missionary candidates, earnestly preparing for their life's work. This year's experience has only deepened the conviction among the home-workers of the Cincinnati Branch, that this soul-saving work can only be successful when linked with living faith and believing prayer, and that our auxiliary and Branch meetings must be seasons of spiritual life and power. While we feel thankful for the alabaster boxes, we want the mites also, that the effort should be made to keep this a systematic giving to God, proving him therewith, so that the windows of heaven may be opened and the blessing promised poured fourth until "There is not room enough to contain it."

E. T. COWEN, *Corresponding Secretary.*

## TREASURER'S REPORT.

Receipts for the year.....	\$34,306 37
Balance on hand.....	2,994 56
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	\$37,300 93
Expenditures.....	33,683 39
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Balance on hand Oct. 1st, 1889.....	\$3,617 54
Thank offerings amounted to 5,040.	

## NORTHWESTERN BRANCH.

Includes Illinois, Indiana, Wisconsin and Michigan, with headquarters at 114 Dearborn Avenue, Chicago.

## OFFICERS.

<i>President</i> ,.....	MRS. I. R. HITT.....	723 Chicago Ave., Evanston, Ill.
<i>Cor. Secretary</i> ,..	“ F. P. CRANDEN....	312 Forest Ave., Evanston, “
<i>Rec. Secretary</i> ,..	“ L. A. CALDER.....	114 Dearborn Ave., Chicago.
<i>Treasurer</i> ,.....	MISS MARY E. PRESTON,	43 Bagg St., Detroit, Mich.

## CONFERENCE SECRETARIES.

<i>Rock River</i> ,.....	MRS. LEWIS MEREDITH,..	127 S. Western Ave., Chicago.
<i>Central Illinois</i> , “	J. N. REED.....	Abingdon, Ill.
<i>Illinois</i> ,.....	“ C. G. WOOD.....	Decatur, “
<i>Southern Illinois</i> , “	E. A. HYPES.....	Lebanon, “
<i>Indiana</i> ,.....	“ EMILY KELLEY,..	483 N. Meridian St., Indianapolis, Ind.
<i>North Indiana</i> ,..	“ C. G. HUDSON.....	Anderson, Ind.
<i>N. West Indiana</i> , “	A. C. MCKINSEY.....	Lebanon, “
<i>S. East Indiana</i> ,..	“ KATE L. HAYNES	39 Christian Ave., Indianapolis, “
<i>Detroit</i> ,.....	“ F. D. YORK.....	Williamston, Mich.
<i>Michigan</i> ,.....	“ H. E. TAYLOR.....	East Springport, “
<i>Wisconsin</i> ,.....	“ I. S. LEAVITT.....	Oshkosh, Wis.
<i>West Wisconsin</i> ,..	“ L. A. LAWSON.....	Baraboo, “
<i>German Conferences</i> ,	MISS MARGARETHE DREYER.....	Turner, Kan.

The voice that has for the last two years responded to the call for this report, is now silent. The weary hands of our beloved Secretary have laid down the pen; her suffering body has been freed from pain,

while she, passing through the gates of death, has entered into that Holy City, where "There shall be no more death, neither sorrow nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain."

Though disabled by serious illness again and again, during the year, yet the interest our Secretary had in this work, never waned. Everywhere and constantly could we discern the effects of her personal influence, and the results of her care and direction. She grasped every detail of the work, and was constantly planning and instituting new methods for strengthening and extending the operations of our beloved society. The results of her efforts will not cease with her death. The seed that she has sown is scattered far and wide. "Though dead, she yet speaketh," bidding us to take up the work that she has laid down, and with an unfaltering purpose never cease to labor until "the light of the knowledge of the glory of God" hath shined into the hearts of all our pagan sisters in heathen lands.

I have been so recently called to this responsible position that I shall not be able to make the report from the Northwestern Branch as complete and comprehensive as I would have been glad to furnish. I have endeavored, in the limited time at my command, to gather at least a partial record of the work accomplished during the year.

We closed the year 1888 with an indebtedness to our Medical Educational Fund. We had almost decided that we should be obliged, for the first time in our history, to reduce our appropriations. But, stimulated by the plea of our Secretary, and with a faith strengthened by the earnest prayers of dear "Auntie Wood," we promised God that we would not retreat, but that we would increase our efforts, and with renewed consecration of time and money, "hold on to that to which we had attained."

In the strength of this resolution we have labored thro' the year, with what result the reports will show. It has been the most prosperous year in all the history of the Branch. Every appropriation has been fully met, and some unexpected demands responded to.

The reports of the Conference Secretaries all indicate increased interest. The subscriptions to the Heathen Woman's Friend, shows a slight decrease; a condition of affairs which we shall certainly strive to correct during the coming year. Thank-offering Day continues to grow in favor. The financial return for 1889 was \$8,433.48. The blessings to the givers are inestimable. Mite boxes and barrels have been in use during the year, and these agencies have yielded \$2,374.65 to the Branch Treasury. The sale of real estate left by bequest, together with some personal property, has realized to the Society \$1,166.44. We have received an annuity of \$500, on which we pay 5 per cent. interest. A gift of \$500 from an elect lady near

Detroit, has also added to our receipts for this year. Just after the close of the fiscal year, word was received that the same great hearted brother, who last year contributed \$3,000 to establish the "Deaconess' Home" at Muttra, India, has added \$2,000 to his generous gift.

In addition to the distribution of leaflets, furnished by the General Literature Committee, many packages of hektographed letters and printed matter have been sent out by our own Committee on Missionary Literature. The sale of leaflets and thank-offering envelopes has become quite a source of revenue: The amount realized from this source being about \$250, while a large and carefully selected stock still remains on hand. Orders for these hektographed copies are received from Maine to California, and not only from our own societies, but from other mission boards.

The sale of photographs still continues under the management of the indefatigable chairman of the Committee on photographs.

Of the five young ladies in the Medical College in Chicago, three will be graduated next Spring, and should, as soon as practicable thereafter, be sent to their fields of labor. The three young ladies, who were under appointment to the foreign field, and who were present at the last session of this Committee, sailed immediately afterward for their several stations. Two other candidates are awaiting appointment, and the papers of others are being considered.

The Lord has been very gracious to us in preserving the health of our missionaries, so that none have been compelled to return home. The heavy responsibilities and work are making serious inroads upon the health of Dr. Gloss. We are also exceedingly anxious on account of the impaired health of Dr. Howard.\* She is threatened with serious illness. Miss DeLine is fearful that she will be obliged to return this coming year, and Miss Denning, of Rosario, asks to be relieved as soon as practicable.

As the years succeed each other we pause, though only for a moment, at each completed revolution, that we may review our work. We take note of our progress. We recognize our mistakes in order that they may not be repeated; we congratulate ourselves on our successes, and make our plans for continued effort. It is our aim to plan wisely, having a regard not only for present demands, but also having in view that great future, through all of which our work must continue. We do not and we cannot forget that a great and a holy work has been entrusted to our care. As surely as the world is to be evangelized, so surely has this Society been called to aid in carrying the Evangel to those who as yet know not God.

\*Since this report was written Miss Howard has returned home.



We must needs be about our "Master's business"—our plans must be along the lines of still more extended work. In the undertaking of new enterprises, while we should carefully ask for Divine direction, we may nevertheless confidently assume that being engaged in God's work, we are entitled to rely on God's promises. We will remind ourselves that the command, "Go into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature," and the promise, "I will give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uppermost parts of the earth for thy possession," have each the sanction of Divine authority. Loyal in our obedience, we may confidently assume that the reward will not be withheld. Let us devise generous things for the future of this Society. Let us be assured that our fidelity will be the measure of our success, and that he who opens to us the doors for Missionary enterprise, will bless the efforts of his servants and provide for all their needs. "Hath He not spoken it? And shall He not do it? Let no one be afraid."

In the history of our Society there is no record of a step backwards. Inquiring carefully what was the Master's will, and only going forward in the directions which His Providence seemed to indicate, we have each year extended and increased our work. Sometimes our faith has trembled, as we compared our resources with the responsibilities which we have assumed, but we have gone forward trusting in the Lord, for,

"Since Right is Right, and God is God,  
The Right the day shall win.  
To doubt would be disloyalty,  
To falter would be sin."

#### TREASURER'S REPORT.

Balance on hand Oct. 1st, 1888,.....	\$2,901.30
Amount received during the year,.....	45,981.79
Total amount received.....	\$48,883.09
Amount disbursed during the year.....	45,125.31
Balance on hand October 1st, 1889,.....	\$3,757.78

#### DES MOINES BRANCH.

Includes the States of Iowa and Missouri.

<i>President</i> , MRS. C. C. MABEE.....	Des Moines, Ia.
<i>Cor. Sec.</i> , " M. S. HUSTON.....	Burlington, "
<i>Ass't Sec.</i> , MISS LIBBIE PEARSON.....	Des Moines, "
<i>Rec. Sec.</i> , MRS. L. B. JAMES.....	" " "
<i>Treasurer</i> , " E. K. STANLEY.....	" " "



## CONFERENCE SECRETARIES.

<i>Iowa Conference,</i>	MRS. M. B. POWER.....	Keokuk, Ia.
<i>Des Moines</i> “	MISS L. PEARSON.....	Des Moines, Ia.
<i>N. W. Iowa</i> “	MRS. A. G. CARTER.....	Battle Creek “
<i>Upper Iowa</i> “	“   F. F. EARHART.....	Jessup, “
<i>St. Louis</i> “	“   T. H. HAGERTY.....	St. Louis, Mo.
<i>Missouri</i> “	“   L. A. SHEPHERD.....	Turney, “
<i>Central Mo.</i> “	“   D. W. ANTHONY.....	St. Genevieve, Missouri.
<i>German</i> “	MISS M. DREYER.....	Turner, Kansas.
<i>Branch organizer,</i>	“   JENNIE BECK.	

We bring a very pleasant review of another year's work. Last year our Branch took an advance of three thousand dollars, and it seemed a bold step, indeed, for so small a field. But God honored our faith and courage, and early in the year came a bequest of \$500. A few months later we had a gift of \$500 more. These amounts, with the added strength of many new auxiliaries, made it possible for us, not only to meet all obligations, but to help with the extra calls that came during the year. We have not advanced in numbers this year as we did last, but the societies we have hold steadily to their one work. Then we have had a very encouraging gain in numbers, and contributions from our faithful German sisters, who do much more, according to ability, than we do. The conference and district Secretaries have been abundant in labors. Mrs. A. H. Proctor, of Missouri Conference, went abroad with her family in July; but her place was well supplied by Mrs. L. A. Shepherd, who now succeeds her in the office. Conference and camp-meeting anniversaries and district conventions have been numerous and beneficial. For outside help at these meetings, we are greatly indebted to Mrs. Mary C. Nind.

Miss M. E. Layton and Miss Frank Baker, each gave us some weeks of good service in organization.

Thank-offering day was observed profitably, but not so generally as we wished.

Large numbers of Gen'l Ex. and Branch Reports, and 165,000 pages of leaflets have been distributed. The present system of distribution has given very great satisfaction. With humiliation, we acknowledge a slight falling off of subscribers to the *Heathen Woman's Friend*. No subject was discussed with greater earnestness at our recent annual meeting, and our penitence is sincere enough to promise better things in the new year.

Early in the year we fitted and sent out Miss Martha E. Day to Calcutta, India; Miss Frances O. Wilson, to Peking, China; Miss Mary Bell Griffiths, to Yonezawa, and Miss Frances E. Phelps, to Tokyo, Japan.

All were well received, and have started upon their life work with zeal and devotion. We have presented Miss Lydia A. Trimble, of Galva, Iowa, to the reference committee. She has been accepted, and is now in the Chicago Training School, waiting appointment. She is in no measure inferior to her sisters who have preceded her to the foreign field.

Our missionaries, Miss Annie Lawson, in India, and Miss Mary Vance, in Japan, have been in excellent health all the year, and faithful in all their duties. Not far from twenty young ladies are in colleges preparing for foreign work.

Our annual meeting was favored with the presence of Miss Isabel Leonard, whose accounts of our missions in India made the work seem very near and life-like. Bishop Bowman, Rev. Dr. Hagerty, and Dr. Masden, each contributed to the interest of this best of annual meetings, which, for deep devotion, and personal consecration to God, was never surpassed in our Branch history. It will long remain a sweet memory in the hearts of all who were present.

Again we take an advance financially. Our experiences of the last year convince us that the gold and the silver belong to our dear Lord, and we may trust Him to help us to do our whole duty. So we take our places in this conquering army, and keeping step with the advancing host, say, while heavenly music inspires us, "The battle is not yours, but God's."

#### TREASURER'S REPORT.

Receipts from Oct. '88 to Oct. '89.....	\$15,709.75
Balance from 1888.....	5,122.81
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Total.....	\$20,832.56
Expenditures.....	\$15,960 76
Balance Oct. 1st, 1889.....	4,871.80

#### MINNEAPOLIS BRANCH.

This Branch includes Minnesota, North and South Dakota, Montana, Idaho, Washington and Oregon.

<i>President,</i>	MRS. WARDELL COUCH, Minneapolis, Minn.
<i>Cor. Secretary,</i>	" MARY C. NIND, Detroit, Mich.
<i>Assistant Cor. Secretary,</i>	" C. S. WINCHELL, 120 State St., Minneapolis, Minn.
<i>Rec. Secretary,</i>	" J. M. HEARD, 1125 Nicollet Ave. Minneapolis, Minn.
<i>Treasurer,</i>	" D. S. B. JOHNSTON, 565 Holley Ave., St. Paul, Minn.

## CONFERENCE SECRETARIES.

## Minnesota Conference to be supplied.

<i>North Dakota Conference,</i>	MRS. JAMES CAMPBELL...	Fargo, North Dakota.
<i>South</i>	" " " I. M. HARTSOUGH...	Sioux Falls, "
<i>Montana</i>	" " " REV. W. NUTTING.	
"	" " " N. MILDING, Assistant.	
<i>Idaho</i>	" " " ELLEN WAKEFIELD.....	Union, Oregon.
<i>Columbia River</i>	" " " L. A. BROWN.....	Pendleton, "
"	" " " A. M. SIMPSON, Assistant....	The Dalles, Oregon.
<i>Oregon</i>	" " " M. C. WIRE.....	Salem, Oregon.
"	" " " M. C. WILSON, Assistant...	Eugene City, O.
<i>Puget Sound</i>	" " " N. S. HANSON.....	Portland, Oregon.
"	" " " H. D. BROWN, Assistant,	Olympia, Wash- ington.
<i>Agent of Supplies,</i>	" " JAMES SYNDAM, 429 Holley ave.,	St. Paul, Minn.

The general interest in the Branch has increased during the year, and the labors of Miss Beck and Miss Baker we gratefully acknowledge as contributing to this result. Among the young people there has been a special awakening. Our hope is in our youth.

A few weeks since we attended a gathering of a band of 56, at Hamline, Minn., where the Mite Barrels were opened, containing \$20.65, and a large proportion of that amount was secured by self-denials, the children giving up their candies and chewing gum for Christ's sake.

Our young ladies are not only aiding this work financially, but are inspiring the youth, and those more advanced, by their attendance at our quarterly meetings, and their participation in the exercises; their songs, essays, recitations, and reports, contributing much to the enthusiasm. Their deft fingers, as well as those of the members of our Bands, have been busy dressing dolls and preparing other presents for the youth in our mission schools, which will gladden the hearts of the recipients.

Our quarterly meetings have been full in numbers and interest, from 100 to 200 present, the enthusiasm rising, and continuing to the close.

We have been greatly indebted to Mrs. C. A. Van Anda, who has prepared for us our programme, and by her untiring energy and tact, provided for us a "feast of fat things well refined."

Thank-offering services were held generally throughout the Branch with great success. Five hundred dollars were raised for Foochow, and four hundred and fifty for Lucknow.

Once more we have had the joy of helping Puebla School, in her time of need, and from a bequest secured last year, sent \$1,750 toward the purchase of the new building.

The Oregon Conference assumed \$250 of Miss Ogden's work, and have met their obligations. The secretaries in the Oregon, Columbia River, Idaho and Puget Sound Conferences have done much for the Mussoori and Calcutta schools. These, on home missionary ground, have done much for foreign missions.

Death has invaded our ranks, and taken three members of our Executive Board, Mrs. Stockwell, Simpson and Parker. All have been connected with the work from its incipency.

Mrs. Simpson made special request that no costly monument should mark her resting place, but that annually ten dollars should be paid to the society by her husband, and at his death, her sons should continue the gift. The ladies of the Winona church duplicate the bequest, and thus a scholarship in Foochow is assured, bearing Mrs. Simpson's name.

We are exceedingly happy to report that our Subscription List to the H. W. F. has lengthened, our increase being 354, and number of subscribers 1,005, nearly one paper to every three members. We have long aimed to reach the thousand, and are thankful that we have exceeded our expectations. But we are not yet satisfied. We would that this valuable paper was in every Methodist home, and read by every Methodist woman.

We have found the little book 'Twenty Years of Woman's Foreign Missionary Society' very helpful.

Our Annual Meeting, held at Northfield, was the best in our history, though we were compelled to accept, with great regret, the resignation of our beloved President, Mrs. Emily Huntingdon Miller.

Miss Leonard was with us, and delighted us with reports of our work in India, and gave cheering words from Miss Blackmore of Singapore; and Miss Blackstock, our accepted candidate, told of her call to the work.

In view of the fact that drought has cut off crops in Dakota and Northern Minnesota, and that we have not had any large donations, or received any bequests, we rejoice in the Treasurer's report. We enter upon the new year full of hope. 'Have not I commanded thee, be strong and of good courage, be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed, for the Lord thy God is with thee, whithersoever thou goest.' "

MARY C. NIND, *Cor. Sec.*

## TREASURER'S REPORT.

Received from Auxiliaries.....	\$9,443.63
Balance from Bureau of Exchange.....	3.76
“ Interest on Deposits.....	24.43
“ “ “ Bequests.....	394.89
“ N. Y. for Tokyo Home.....	2.00
“ Des Moines Branch.....	10.00
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Total from all sources.....	\$9,878.71
Balance October 1, 1888,.....	12,801.32
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	\$22,680.03
<i>Disbursements.</i>	
North India.....	\$2,275.00
South India, Singapore, and B. Conf.....	4,896.00
Japan.....	986.00
Foochow..... (500 T. O.)	700.00
Rosario.....	350 00
Bulgaria.....	160.00
Mexico.....	2,975.07
Lucknow T. O.....	450.00
Home Expenses.....	558.24
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	\$13,350.31
Balance October 1, 1889,.....	\$9,329.72

## TOPEKA BRANCH

Includes Kansas, Nebraska, Colorado, Wyoming Territory, and Texas, with headquarters at Topeka.

## OFFICERS.

<i>President,</i>	MRS. E. F. NINDE.....	Topeka, Kan.
<i>Cor. Secretary,</i>	MISS MATILDA WATSON.....	Bellwood, Neb.
<i>Rec. Secretary,</i>	MRS. M. M. TORRINGTON.....	Topeka, Kan.
<i>Treasurer,</i>	“ M. J. SHELLEY.....	Wymore, Neb.

## CONFERENCE SECRETARIES.

<i>Kansas Conference,</i>	MRS. M. S. COE.....	Horton, Kan.
<i>S. Kansas “</i>	“ K. M. RHOADES.....	Garnett, Kan.
<i>S. W. Kansas “</i>	“ A. V. LOOSE.....	Peabody, “
<i>N. W. Kansas “</i>	“ F. D. BAKER.....	Concordia, “
<i>Nebraska “</i>	MISS ELLA M. WATSON.....	Bellwood, Neb.
<i>N. Nebraska “</i>	MRS. T. C. CLENDENING.....	Omaha, “

<i>W. Nebraska Conf.</i>	Mrs. E. D. BENEDICT.....	Kearney, Neb.
<i>Colorado,</i>		
<i>Wyoming, Miss.,</i>	“ O. L. FISHER.....	Evanston, Wyoming.
<i>W. German,</i>	MISS M. DREYER.....	Turner, Kan.
<i>Texas,</i>		

Topeka Branch gratefully reports peace and prosperity within her borders. Not all has been accomplished that we hoped, yet the year just closed has been a successful one. Although, by the organization of the Pacific Coast Branch, an entire conference was taken from our territory, sufficient new societies have been organized to more than balance the loss. We have met all our obligations, and have a balance in the treasury. One year ago, by request, Texas was added to our Branch. We have done what we could in this state by correspondence, and have the promise of several organizations as soon as practicable, but at present have but one auxiliary to report, that of Ft. Worth, organized by Mrs. S. L. Dimmitt. We are endeavoring to prepare the way for further work by the distribution of our literature.

The second quarterly meeting decided to try the plan of free distribution of the mite boxes; nearly two thousand were sent out, and the receipts the fourth quarter from this source were such as to warrant the continuance of the plan.

The supply of leaflets has not equalled the demand at any time during the year. One fact we greatly deplore, our subscription list to the *Heathen Woman's Friend*, which was meagre enough, has decreased since April.

We would make special mention of the German work in our Branch, under the supervision of Miss Dreyer. In proportion to numbers and ability, these faithful women accomplish more than their English sisters.

In most of the districts, conventions have been held, disseminating information, and resulting in accessions to the ranks of those hitherto indifferent, and an aroused interest and greater activity on the part of the membership.

The conference anniversaries were occasions of unusual interest, and gave an impetus to our work in many places. Our missionaries have been kept in health, and have pushed their work in a way that insures success. Miss Blackmar, after seventeen years' faithful service in North India, at the last session of that conference, was transferred to South India, and stationed at Hyderabad. Our Tokyo missionary spent most of the year in Yonezama inaugurating new work, and at present is at Fukuoka, assisting Miss Smith, until help is sent from home.



Miss Fuller writes of marked answers to prayer, and says, "There is no limit to the work that might be accomplished, if we only had the workers. Early in the winter we sent Miss Imhoff to Nagasaki, where she has charge of the Industrial department of the school.

Our annual meeting was one of the best we have ever held. The reports of the conference secretaries were an inspiration. We were privileged to have with us Mrs. Cowles, the first president of the Branch, whose words of cheer and counsel will long be remembered. Interesting addresses were given by Rev. C. R. Thoburn, Miss Mary F. Swaney, Mrs. S. P. Jacobs, and Miss Mary L. Ninde. We separated with a deeper consecration to, and a greater love for the work of the Master, pledging for the new year more prayers, more labor, and more money, to the work of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT.

Balance Oct. 1st, 1888.....	\$4,865.72
Receipts from Oct. 1st, 1888, to Sept. 30, 1889.....	10,146.24
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Total .....	\$15,011.96
Disbursements.....	\$10,074.41
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Balance .....	\$4,937.55

#### PACIFIC BRANCH

Includes California, Nevada and Arizona.

<i>President</i> ,.....	Mrs. J. P. EARLY,.....	Los. Angeles, Cal.
<i>Cor. Secretary</i> , "	CHARLOTTE O NEAL.....	Pasadena, Cal.
<i>Rec. Secretary</i> , "	L. C. SPENCER.....	Los Angeles, Cal.
<i>Treasurer</i> ,.....	" M. M. BOVARD,.....	University P. O., Cal.

#### CONFERENCE SECRETARIES.

<i>S. California</i> ,...	Mrs. J. A. DAUGHERTY.....	University, Cal.
<i>Arizona</i> ,.....	" A. H. GUNNETT.....	Tucson, Arizona.
<i>Nevada</i> ,.....	" LUCY M. VAN DEVENTER.....	Virginia City, Nev.

Your infant sister has come to her first annual meeting, with the report of her first ten months of service. The little sheaf she brings seems a puny thing towards the rich harvest brought by her eldersisters, yet ours has been the time of sowing, or rather of preparing our beautiful South land for the seed which we expect will bring sixty, ninety and a hundred fold. The bright winged messengers furnished us so gener-

ously by our Literature Committee, together with reports and Mite Boxes, have been scattered throughout all our borders. Exhortation, persuasion and encouragement, in person and by letter, public meetings and public appeals whenever opportunity was given, and earnest endeavor to be "instant in season and out of season," and all this supplemented by earnest, persistent prayer, has been a part of this preparatory work. To day all the fruitage that appears is found in the Southern California Conference; yet, already we see signs of promise in Arizona, and in the mother Conference of California. A local missionary society has heretofore absorbed the women of the California Conference, although but a small portion of the churches or women are helping even in that Society, which works exclusively for the Chinese women of the Pacific coast.

The Woman's Home Missionary Society will probably revive its Chinese Bureau, and take under its fostering care the Woman's Missionary Society of the Pacific coast, and many experienced workers from eastern Branches, living in the California Conference, will rejoice in the opportunity for taking up and carrying on the work in which they were so greatly blessed in former years.

Rev. G. H. Adams, Superintendent of the Arizona Mission Conference, was at our Annual Branch Meeting, and gave us great encouragement concerning the opening of our work in that Conference, promising more money per member from it than would be raised in any other Conference in the United States. So, from the arid lands of the great American desert, the first fruits will soon appear, and in a double sense, "the solitary place shall be glad for them, and the desert shall rejoice and blossom as the rose."

Nevada Mission Conference has felt herself unable to commence work for the present, but the heroic women of that mountain state will be prompt to act and efficient to work, when the condition of their home work will warrant success in a new undertaking for God and Methodism. At the organization of our Branch, last December, we had less than 400 women enrolled as members, and 116 children in Bands, 16 auxiliaries, all told. To-day we have 34 auxiliaries, and 861 members, making an increase of 70 per cent. in membership, and more than 100 per cent. in auxiliaries. A fair proportion of this increase is from children's bands. One of these new auxiliaries is in Puebla, Mexico, which has 40 members, and has raised \$243.00, all of which has been spent in Miss Ogden's school, and does not pass through our Branch treasurer's hands.

A German mission, with a membership small and widely scattered, was organized at San Bernardino last spring. Shortly afterward, the pastor's wife organized a ladies' auxiliary, and a children's Band in her husband's church, wisely giving as her reason, it will help our German work. We have room and a warm welcome in the Pacific Branch for all such preacher's wives.

Four district meetings have been held, two each in Pasadena, and Los Angeles Districts. Thank-offering day was observed by nearly all of our auxiliaries. At the San Diego District and the Long Beach camp meetings, we were kindly permitted to occupy the popular hour, and to present our cause to large audiences. All these meetings have been profitable in every way. Words and space would fail me were I to attempt to tell of all the faithful work done by auxiliary, district and conference officers. We are debtors more than we can tell to these royal helpers, and would be glad to name many of them in our report. The faithful, efficient service of the secretary of the Southern California Conference, and of the young ladies' secretary, deserve especial mention. We were favored with the presence of Bishop Foster, Dr. Leonard, Missionary secretary, and Dr. M. C. Harris, superintendent of Japanese missions on our coast. At our late annual meeting, Dr. Leonard addressed the evening meeting, to the delight and profit of all who were present. Bishop Foster and Dr. Harris each gave us hearty endorsement, and an earnest God speed.

We are glad to have a name among you, and trust the "Baby Branch" may grow rapidly, and be very wise and very good, and that through her hands, much of the rich treasure of her mines, and the first fruits of all our fruitful land, may pass into God's treasury.

MRS. CHARLOTTE O'NEAL, *Cor. Sec.*

#### TREASURER'S REPORT.

Receipts for 10 months.....	\$2,036.40
Disbursements .....	2,036.00
Balance Oct. 1st, 1889, .....	\$ .40

For statistical reports of Home and Foreign Work, see Home and Foreign Summaries.

## REPORT OF GERMAN WORK.

ORGANIZED 1883.

The work of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society is carried on in seven German Annual Conferences in the United States, and also in the Swiss and German Conferences in Europe.

During the past year there has been an advance in all departments of the work. Miss Dreyer, the Secretary, says: "Comparing the receipts of the year with the receipts of the previous year, there is an average advance of twenty-five per cent. all along the line. The West German Conference, out of 76 appointments, has only 31 that are self-supporting, but has 35 organizations for the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society."

Concerning other departments of the work, Miss Dreyer says: "I find the Mite Boxes very helpful, especially on the country circuits, where the sisters cannot have the monthly meetings. A collector is appointed for each preaching place, and she also solicits subscribers for the *Heiden Frauen Freund*. There has been an increase in the list of subscribers, and we hold our standing of one paper for every two of our members. No German leaflets have been published, but in their stead we have had a translation of "A Grain of Mustard Seed."

Two years have passed since the first representative of the German Sisterhood went to work in Distant Korea. While every one who goes to distant shores is near and dear, yet our own Missionary, Miss L. C. Rothweiler, has found an abiding nook in the heart of every German Methodist sister. We have watched her work with eager interest, and gloried in her efficiency; so when the tidings came of her prostration it caused a heartache all around, and many prayers went up for her recovery. That her own Conference, the Central German, could assume and retain her support from the first, has been a source of joy and gratification.

Beside her we have one scholarship in Seoul, Korea, and four in India, and four more are asked for. Another call comes, which, if granted, opens a new field and phase of work for our society, namely, work in our missions in Protestant Europe. Last year the request for help came indefinitely from the Swiss Conference; this year a definite appeal comes to us from the Conference in Germany, for aid in supporting a Bible-woman in Kiel. They assure us of the urgent need of such work, and tell us they have the person suited to do it, but lack the means of supporting her.

Turner, Kansas.

MARGARETHA DREYER, *Secretary*.

## REPORT OF GERMAN WORK.

Conferences.	Auxiliaries.	Members.	Life Members.	Mite Boxes.	Contributions, 1888.	Contributions, 1889.	Increase.
Swiss.....	18	569	....	....	137.38	178.88	41.50
Germany.....	34	350	....	....	134.87	153.32	18.45
Total for Europe.....	52	919	....	....	272.25	332.20	59.95
Eastern.....	14	356	....	52	372.12	423.50	51.38
Central.....	27	517	2	163	809.40	997.28	187.88
Chicago.....	6	157	....	6	244.35	323.40	79.05
North.....	28	599	12	75	653.36	734.71	81.35
Northwest.....	15	314	2	47	198.85	400.43	201.58
St. Louis.....	16	531	....	43	341.10	566.80	225.70
West.....	35	689	19	164	794.92	900.70	105.78
Total for U. S.....	141	3163	35	550	3414.10	4346.82	932.72
Grand Total.....	193	4076	35	550	3686.35	4679.02	992.17
Increase.....	21	46	12	....	.....	.....	.....
Subscribers to Heiden "Frauen" Freund.....						2040	264
Subscribers to Heathen Woman's Friend.....						91	7

Turner, Kans.

MARGARETHA DREYER, *Secretary German Work.*

## REPORT OF HEIDEN FRAUEN FREUND.

FROM OCT. 1, 1888, to OCT. 1, 1889.

*Receipts.*

To Cash received from subscriptions.....	\$506.58	
“ Deficit paid by Heathen Woman’s Friend.....	301.53	
		————— \$808.11

*Expenditures.*

By Cash paid for Printing.....	\$607.51	
“ “ Mailing and Postage.....	59 85	
“ “ Translations.....	140.75	
		————— \$808.11

PAULINE J. WALDEN, *Agent.*

## REPORT OF HEATHEN WOMAN’S FRIEND.

FROM OCT. 1, 1888, TO OCT. 1, 1889.

*Receipts.*

To Cash on hand.....		\$592.47
“ Received from Subscriptions.....	\$9,657.95	
“ “ “ Helps and Books.....	698.16	
“ “ “ Photographs.....	2.25	
“ “ “ Electrotypes.....	33.89	
“ “ “ Waste paper.....	1.80	
“ “ “ Interest.....	537.45	
		————— \$10,931.50
“ “ “ Heiden Frauen Freund.....	506.58	
“ “ “ Literature.....	297.56	
“ “ “ Gospel in All Lands.....	57.05	
“ “ “ Zenana Paper fund interest.....	105.50	
		————— \$12,490.66

*Expenditures.*

By Cash paid for Printing.....	\$5,198.83	
“ “ Mailing and Postage.....	749.17	
“ “ Engravings.....	191.85	
“ “ Editor’s Salary and Incidentals..	720.82	
“ “ Agent’s “ “ ..	755.38	
“ “ Office Expenses.....	416.10	
		————— \$8,032.15



<i>Brought Forward</i> .....		\$8,032.15
By Cash paid for Helps and Books.....	296.91	
“ “ Miscellaneous Postage.....	54.30	
		351.21
“ “ Incidentals.....	54.74	
“ “ Insurance.....	15.50	
		70.24
“ “ Heiden Frauen Freund.....		808.11
“ “ Literature expenses.....		2,659.29
“ “ Gospel in All Lands.....		54.10
“ “ <i>Advanced by order of General</i> <i>Executive Committee, as follows:</i>		
“ “ Life Membership Certificates....	100.00	
“ “ Printing Blanks.....	18.25	
“ “ Zenana paper.....	158.12	
“ “ Expenses of Missionaries to Cincinnati, O.....	104.95	
“ “ Expenses of Editor to Cincinnati, O.....	59.65	
“ “ Expenses of Editor of Leaflets to Cincinnati, O.....	34.00	
		474.97
By Cash on hand.....		40.59
		\$12,490.66

PAULINE J. WALDEN, *Agent*.

## REPORT OF LITERATURE COMMITTEE.

During the past year, the Committee on Literature has made an effort to meet the wants of the society by the preparation and distribution of missionary literature of a diversified kind. This has consisted of Annual Reports, Appeals, Monthly Studies for Auxiliary Societies, Leaflets, Children's Quarterly Paper, biographical sketches, and other miscellaneous literature.

The month of March completing the twenty years' record of the society's work, very special attention was given to the literature for that occasion. "Twenty years of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society," a small pamphlet of sixty-four pages was written, giving a summary of the work during that period. Brief, outline historical sketches of all our mission fields, and leaflets giving the history and necessity for a school of high grade in Foochow, China, and a woman's college in Lucknow, were also

published. The biographical sketches issued were of eminent missionary workers, viz., William Carey, Mrs. Doremus, Mary Lyon, Fidelia Fiske, Mrs. Mullens and Malinda Rankin. A translation of "A Grain of Mustard Seed," was made into the German, and 3000 copies published, also 2000 German hymns. Of miscellaneous leaflets published, there were forty-two varieties, or 631,200 leaflets, making 2,250,300 pages, which were sent out and distributed gratuitously to the auxiliary societies. There were ten other varieties published, or 212,804 pages, which were put on sale at a very low price, making a total for the year 3,321,104 pages of literature, exclusive of Annual Reports, and some other incidental printing. This is the largest amount of literature printed in any year of the society's history.

*Literature Committee.*

# REPORT OF TREASURER OF LITERATURE COMMITTEE.

FROM OCT. 1, 1888, to OCT. 1, 1889.

To cash drawn from funds of H. W. F.....	\$2,361 73
“ “ received for Leaflets.....	95.25
“ “ “ “ Annual Reports.....	8.51
“ “ “ “ Twenty Years' Review.....	84.10
“ “ “ “ Systematic Giving.....	18.00
“ “ “ “ Medical Work.....	40.00
“ “ “ “ German Mustard Seed.....	18.20
“ “ “ “ Anniversary Supplement.....	33.50
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	\$2,659.29
To cash paid for free leaflets.....	\$608 75
“ “ “ “ Children's Leaflets.....	175 75
“ “ “ “ Paid Leaflets.....	198.50
“ “ “ “ Twenty Years' Review.....	100.00
“ “ “ “ Systematic Giving.....	17.00
“ “ “ “ Calendars.....	59.25
“ “ “ “ German Hymns.....	4 95
“ “ “ “ “ Mustard Seed.....	42.25
“ “ “ “ Annual Reports.....	640 00
“ “ “ “ Editor's Salary.....	400.00
“ “ “ “ “ Postage and Stationery.....	54.57
“ “ “ “ Office Expenses.....	110.77
“ “ “ “ Express on Leaflets.....	174.25
“ “ “ “ Travelling Expenses of Committee.....	73.25
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	\$2,659.29

PAULINE J. WALDEN, *Treas.*

## REPORT OF ZENANA PAPER.

The interest on the investments of the Zenana Paper fund has amounted to \$1,643.82; \$1,500 of which have been forwarded to the Treasurer of the Publication Committee in India. Mr. Maxwell, the publishing agent in India, gives notice of a substantial reduction in the Urdu and Hindi editions. This is due to the use of improved machinery, and a more favorable arrangement for paper.

There is published a fortnightly edition in Urdu, 2,000 copies; in Hindi, 1,500 copies; in Bengali, 1,000 copies, and a monthly edition in Tamil of 1,000 copies, at a total cost of about \$1,467.

There came an unofficial application for funds to print a fifth edition in Marathi, which was approved, provided the funds would warrant the additional expense. No word has been received that this edition has been issued.

Mrs. Badley writes: "The Friend is gaining in interest every month, and the demand for it is on the increase also. With Western people it is a trait to prize most that which has cost them most trouble and labor; but the Indian people are inclined to prize those things which cost them nothing, and so I get many requests for free copies of the paper. One rupee a year is the nominal price, but to very poor people the paper is sent if postage is paid by the recipient. We could give away thousands of copies could we afford it. The money received goes towards the expense of buying cuts, etc.

If we except the educated Christian women, we might say that the paper is prized most by the young men students in college. On the day of publication it is not an unusual thing to see from 20 to 30 men and boys along the streets, and by-ways of Lucknow, each walking slowly homeward, reading a copy of The Friend. I believe the paper is destined to do a good and great needed work among India's women and girls. Much of its influence will no doubt go second hand to them, through sons and husbands and brothers, but it *will go*, and by the blessing of God, it will turn the hearts of some of the little ones to Himself."

Interest received on Zenana Paper Fund from Oct.

1st, 1888, to Oct. 1st, 1889.

New England Branch.....	\$298.00
New York Branch (separately).....	24.04
North-western Branch (separately).....	70.00
New York, Philadelphia, Cincinnati and North-western (Union).....	748.00
Baltimore Branch.....	140.16
Minneapolis Branch.....	48 50

<i>Brought Forward</i> .....	\$1,328.70
Des Moines Branch.....	52.00
Topeka           “.....	52.50
Cincinnati     “   (separately).....	52.50
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	\$1,485.70
Balance received from <i>Heathen Woman's Friend</i>	158.12
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Total.....	\$1,643 82

## REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PUBLICATION.

1. WHEREAS, the *Heathen Woman's Friend* has from the beginning been an invaluable adjunct to the work of the society by the dissemination of missionary information, as a medium of communication between the workers at home and in the foreign fields, and by its successful financial management has furnished funds needed for use in many directions thereby largely increasing the possibilities for usefulness: therefore,

*Resolved*, That we learn with sincere regret from the report of the agent that there is a decrease in the subscription list of the paper.

*Resolved*, That we hereby call the attention of the Conference, District and Corresponding secretaries of Auxiliaries to this fact, and, in consideration of the necessity of this, our official organ, to the successful prosecution of our work, that we earnestly urge them to extra effort during the coming year to secure a largely increased circulation.

2. That we would suggest as helpful in this direction:—

(a) The preparation, reprint, and issue by the Literature Committee, of a leaflet urging its claims, and setting forth the peculiar features of the paper, which render it essential as a part of our equipment for work.

(b) The appointment of an agent in each auxiliary, whose especial duty it shall be to secure subscribers.

(c) The setting apart of one day, or a regular monthly or quarterly meeting, to consider its merits, and working in its interest; any or all of these plans subject to the varying conditions of different localities.

3. *Resolved*, That in view of the unquestioned editorial ability and devotion with which the paper has been conducted, we recommend that Mrs. Harriet M. Warren be continued as editor, with salary of \$700, and incidental expenses.

4. *Resolved*, That because of the equally successful management of its business and financial interests, we recommend the continuance of Miss Pauline J. Walden as agent of the HEATHEN WOMAN'S FRIEND, at a salary of \$700, and incidental expenses.

5. *Resolved*, That we gratefully renew our acknowledgement of the courtesy of Mr. A. S. Weed in auditing the accounts of the Agent of the HEATHEN WOMAN'S FRIEND, and request him to perform similar service the coming year.

WHEREAS, The interest of the work among our German sisters seems to require more pronounced and generous recognition.

6. *Resolved*, That we recommend the continued publication of the HEIDEN FRAUEN FREUND at the subscription price of 25 cts. per year, under the same business management as heretofore, and we further recommend the appointment of Mrs. Rev. Clement Achard, of Quincy, Illinois, as editor, at a salary of \$250.

WHEREAS, The "Illustrated Leaflet" seems to have accomplished its mission, by creating a necessity for missionary information on a broader scale, and the time evidently has come when a monthly paper for our juvenile work should have a place among our publications: therefore,

7. *Resolved*, That we recommend the discontinuance of the "Children's Quarterly Leaflet" and "Children's Department" in the HEATHEN WOMAN'S FRIEND, and recommend instead, thereof, the issue of a child's paper, to be published monthly, at a subscription price of 15 cts. a single copy per year, or 10 cts. per year if taken together with the FRIEND.

8. *Resolved*, That we recommend that a suitable person be secured as editor of this paper, at a salary not to exceed \$250 per year.

WHEREAS, The growth and development of the work of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society requires more space from year to year for the monthly reports from the ten Branches in the "Home Department" of the HEATHEN WOMAN'S FRIEND; and

WHEREAS, other departments of the paper would suffer by encroachments beyond the limits heretofore allowed for the same,

9. *Resolved*, That the Branch Corresponding Secretaries report their home work quarterly, in turn, and in the following order:—

New England, Des Moines, Minneapolis, and Pacific Branches in *January, April, July and October*.

New York, Cincinnati and Topeka in *February, May, August and November*.

North-Western, Philadelphia, and Baltimore in *March, June, September and December*.

10. *Also*, That the Branch Treasurers be instructed to send their reports monthly to the HEATHEN WOMAN'S FRIEND, as far as practicable.

11. *Resolved*, That the minutes of the executive meeting are valuable

to the workers for reference, and we request their publication in the December number of the FRIEND as heretofore.

12. *Resolved*, That the Uniform Studies in the HEATHEN WOMAN'S FRIEND are increasingly popular and helpful, and we recommend their continuance, and that the topics for the year be published in the January number.

13. WHEREAS, So many names and terms occur in "Lists of Appropriation" and in the correspondence from mission fields that are peculiar to those fields, we suggest that as far as possible the pronunciation or definition of such names and terms may be given parenthetically or in a foot-note in the correspondence of missionaries in the HEATHEN WOMAN'S FRIEND, and in the leaflets pertaining to foreign countries.

If the correspondent does not furnish such pronunciation or definition, we request the editor of this paper to insert them.

WHEREAS, the supply of Leaflets furnished by the Literature Committee has not been sufficient in some conferences, and in others has been larger than necessary.

14. *Resolved*, That we recommend that the conference secretaries be instructed by their Branch corresponding secretaries to place a standing order with the Literature Committee early in the year, for free leaflets, for use in the auxiliaries, the number not to exceed two of a kind for each auxiliary, excepting where more are needed for new work, the superintendent of German work being allowed as many in German as she finds necessary for her work.

WHEREAS, The amount of money used by the Literature Committee the last year exceeded the amount appropriated, a large part of which was for leaflets for free distribution, and prudence demands that we look forward to the time when the cost of all our literature will be met by the auxiliaries.

15. *Resolved*, That we recommend that both conference and district secretaries advise and encourage their auxiliaries to depend less on gratuitous and more on purchased leaflets, in the prosecution of their work.

16. *Resolved*, That in view of increased demands being made upon the surplus fund of the HEATHEN WOMAN'S FRIEND to carry forward other lines of work, we recommend an appropriation of \$2,000 to be expended by the Literature Committee.

17. *Resolved*, That we recognize the valuable work of the Literature Committee during the past year, the quantity, quality, and variety of the literature provided indicating a close study of the work in hand, and wise regard to its necessities. Especially is this noticeable in so adapting the Uniform Monthly studies and leaflets that they supplement, and are mutually helpful to each other.



18. *Resolved*, That we recommend the re-appointment of Mrs. J. T. Gracey, Miss I. Hart, Miss P. J. Walden, and Mrs. H. M. Warren as Literature Committee for the ensuing year.

19. *Resolved*, That the Literature Committee be requested to publish in leaflet form, as last year, the secretary's report of the General Executive Committee.

20. *Resolved*, That we recommend that the Form of Bequest be inserted in the Annual Report of the General Executive Committee.

21. WHEREAS, Mite-boxes, barrels, and jugs have come into general use by different societies, causing some confusion: therefore,

*Resolved*, That we recommend the use of a distinctive mite-box marked Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of Methodist Episcopal Church, and finished in attractive, bright colors, so that it may be known and recognized universally as the proprietary box of our Society.

MRS. KATE C. HAYNES, *Chairman*.

MRS. HORACE BENTON, *Secretary*.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MISSIONARY CANDIDATES.

1. WHEREAS, The committee on Missionary Candidates have thoroughly examined the credentials of Miss Margaret Green presented by the North-Western Branch, and find them entirely satisfactory, therefore,

*Resolved*, That the Committee approve and recommend her appointment as a missionary by the General Executive Committee, so soon as she shall have completed her course of study in the Woman's Medical College in Chicago, where she now is, and shall have passed through six months of regular hospital practice.

2. The papers of Miss Ella Lyon, of the Woman's Medical College of Chicago, so set forth her natural gifts, her experience, and her steadfast devotion to Christian work, that we cordially recommend her for appointment to the foreign field as soon as she shall have completed her course of study.

3. *Resolved*, That the testimonials of Miss Ida Stevenson, presented by the North-Western Branch, as a medical missionary, were highly satisfactory, and we recommend her acceptance when she has completed her medical course.

4. WHEREAS, Miss Anna Thompson, of India, who has been assisting in missionary work, and who is highly recommended by Bishop Thoburn, desires appointment under the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society: therefore, \*

*Resolved*, That we recommend her for service in India.

5. WHEREAS, The testimonials of Miss Ruth Marie Sites, presented by the Cincinnati Branch, are of a high order as to scholarly attainments and an acceptable Christian character, and in view of the fact that she is perfectly familiar with the Chinese language, it being her native tongue: therefore,

*Resolved*, That we recommend Miss Sites, though young in years, for appointment to the foreign field.

6. *Resolved*, That the testimonials of Miss Amelia Van Dorsten, presented by the North-Western Branch, have been carefully examined and found satisfactory; we therefore recommend her as a teacher of experience, and believe her well qualified for foreign service.

7. *Resolved*, That the testimonials of Miss Kate A. Livingston are found to be perfectly satisfactory in every respect, and we therefore recommend her to the Executive Committee for appointment to a foreign field.

8. The testimonials of Miss Lydia A. Trimble, presented by the Des Moines Branch, show her to be of unquestionable fitness for foreign work, both as to Christian character and education, being a graduate of a State normal school; therefore, we recommend her acceptance and appointment under our Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.

9. The testimonials of Miss Mary E. Wilson, presented by the New York Branch, have been considered and approved by the Committee. As she has done excellent work for the year past in Nagoya: therefore,

*Resolved*, that we recommend her appointment to regular work, with full salary.

10. *Resolved*, That the testimonials of Miss Georgiana Bancus are eminently satisfactory in all respects, and we recommend her for acceptance to such field as the Executive Committee may determine.

11. *Resolved*, That we recommend, when practicable, that such an arrangement be made for the duties of our missionaries during their first year's service as shall allow them considerable time for the study of the language, and that their salary for that year shall be four hundred dollars with one hundred and fifty for incidentals.

The medical missionary shall, from the first, receive full salary.

MRS. I. W. JOYCE, *Chairman*.

MRS. MARY SPARKES WHEELER, *Secretary*.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

WHEREAS, There seems to be a growing desire for a branch organization within the territory provided for in the Constitution of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society for the Atlanta Branch; therefore,

1. *Resolved*, That Mrs. Bishop Joyce be empowered to take the necessary steps to such an arrangement.

2. *Resolved*, That the Committee of Reference may meet semi-annually, at the call of the chairman or at the requisition of three members of the Committee, five members of which shall constitute a quorum.

WHEREAS, We have heard with intense interest the statements of Dr. Corey concerning the necessity of caring for foundlings in China :

3. Therefore, *Resolved*, That if these can be cared for by our ladies in the new mission property in Foochow, we request that they estimate for ten of these next year, and we grant Dr. Corey permission to receive money for this purpose.

WHEREAS, The present supply of life-membership certificates is nearly exhausted, and the stone used is much worn, and a new one will soon be required ; therefore,

4. *Resolved*, That we authorize the Literature Committee to provide a new one, which shall produce a smaller certificate, more convenient for remittance by mail, and more attractive as a work of art.

5. Sympathizing with the desire of Miss Russell to provide a Woman's College in Nagasaki, we authorize her to receive whatever money she may be able to collect for the purpose, to be used by her whenever the whole amount asked shall be thus raised.

H. B. SKIDMORE, *Chairman*.

E. T. COWEN, *Secretary*.



# APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1889-90. BY BRANCHES.

## NEW ENGLAND BRANCH.

### *North India.*

<i>Bijnour</i> , Girls in boarding school.....	\$110 00
City work, Miss Thompson..	240 00
Teacher.....	25 00
Two conveyances.....	117 00
Bible-women.....	96 00
City schools.....	58 00
Mrs. Butcher's Itinerating..	34 00
Munshi.....	17 00
District work (one half of 11 circuits).....	240 00
<i>Najibabad</i> , Bible-women and schools.....	192 00
<i>Mandaur</i> , Bible-women and schools.....	120 00
<i>Moradabad</i> , Boarding school, sixty girls.....	600 00
Miss Daugherty.....	200 00
Teachers.....	90 00
Matron.....	80 00
Repairs.....	67 00
Three medical students.....	120 00
Mrs. Parker's itinerating....	34 00
City schools.....	234 00
School inspectress.....	32 00
Bible readers.....	140 00
Conveyance.....	84 00
Repairs on Home.....	34 00
Medical work.....	300 00
Hospital expenses.....	72 00
Salary of Dr. Sheldon.....	650 00
<i>Bareilly</i> , Orphanage and boarding school.....	250 00
Salary of Dr. Christianity. ..	650 00
Medical work.....	473 00
<i>Agra</i> , Salary of Miss Seymour	240 00
Servants.....	52 00
Conveyance.....	100 00
<i>Roy Bareilly</i> , Bible readers and schools.....	317 00
Conveyance.....	67 00
<i>Amroha District</i> .....	1,500 00
Total for North India.....	\$7,535 00

### *South India.*

<i>Calcutta</i> , Two scholarships...	\$168 00
Miss Knowles' passage.....	250 00
<i>Madras</i> , Miss De Silva.....	210 00
Munshi and conveyance.....	115 00
Four scholarships.....	100 00
Total for South India.....	\$843 00

### *Singapore.*

Assistant.....	\$200 00
Rent.....	100 00
Total for Singapore....	\$300 00

### *Bulgaria.*

Three scholarships.....	\$120 00
Matron and other helps.....	120 00
Total.....	\$240 00

### *Italy.*

<i>Venice</i> , Bible-woman.....	\$240 00
Orphanage.....	200 00
Home.....	200 00
Total for Italy.....	\$640 00

### *Korea.*

One-half salary, Mrs. Scranton.....	\$375 00
One-half salary, personal teacher.....	45 00
Repairs.....	150 00
Seven scholarships.....	350 00
Native teacher.....	70 00
Man of all work.....	45 00
Hospital fuel.....	150 00
Freights and duties.....	125 00
Total for Korea.....	\$1,810 00

### *North China.*

<i>Peking</i> , Miss Cushman's salary and incidentals.....	\$750 00
Miss Green's salary and incidentals.....	750 00
Personal teacher of Miss Green.....	50 00
Boarding school expenses..	600 00
Chinese day school.....	75 00
Training school for women.	250 00
Traveling expenses.....	100 00
New property.....	300 00
<i>Tientsin</i> , Dispensary assistant	50 00
Matron.....	50 00
Watchman.....	50 00
Coolies.....	100 00
<i>Tsun Hua</i> , Dr. Terry's Salary and incidentals.....	750 00
Dr. Terry's personal teacher	100 00
Miss Hale's salary and incidentals.....	750 00
Miss Hale's personal teacher	100 00
Hospital and dispensary expenses.....	350 00
Drugs and instruments....	100 00
Assistant in dispensary.....	50 00
House furnishing.....	200 00
Repairs and taxes.....	100 00
Servants' quarters.....	200 00
Total.....	\$5,825 00
<i>Foochow</i> , Miss Hartford's salary and incidentals.....	\$750 00
Miss Hartford's personal teacher.....	50 00
Scholarships.....	40 00

Ku Cheng School.....	150 00
Traveling expenses.....	25 00
Hai-Fang School and travel- ing expenses.....	120 00
Balance on property.....	100 00

Total.....	\$1,235 00
Nanking, Scholarships.....	250 00

*Japan.*

Tokyo, Five scholarships.....	\$200 00
Native teacher (Chinese)....	180 00
Two scholarships in Aoyama	80 00
Hakodati, Six scholarships....	240 00
Native teachers.....	200 00
Nagasaki, Six scholarships....	240 00
Nagoya, Salary and inciden- tals, Miss Danforth.....	750 00
Personal teacher of Miss Danforth.....	100 00
Native teacher (Japanese literature).....	120 00
Matron.....	75 00
Sewing teacher.....	60 00
Expenses to conference.....	20 00
Furniture for house.....	50 00
Rent.....	150 00
Land and building.....	1,500 00
Lady to be sent.....	1,000 00
Yokohama, Lady sent.....	1,000 00
Seven Bible-women. . .	280 00
Two teachers.....	230 00
One Japanese teacher.....	120 00
Furocho day school.....	400 00
Chajamache.....	100 00
Summer itinerating.....	100 00
Insurance and taxes.....	130 00

Total for Japan.....	\$4,825 00
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*South America.*

Rosario, Miss Chapin, salary and incidentals.....	\$750 00
Assistants.....	400 00
Scholarships.....	400 00
Repairs and taxes.....	400 00
Buenos Ayres, Rent.....	200 00
Montevideo, Incidentals and salary, Miss Bowen.....	750 00
Assistants.....	200 00
Rent.....	200 00

Total for South America..	\$3,300 00
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*Mexico.*

Mexico City, Three scholar- ships.....	\$210 00
School supplies.....	200 00
Bible-women and supplies..	160 00
Interest.....	100 00
Pachuca, Salary of assistants.	600 00
Two scholarships.....	140 00
Puebla, Three scholarships ..	195 00
School assistants.....	480 00
Matron.....	220 00

Total for Mexico.....	\$2,395 00
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Grand total.....	\$28,608 00
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*Supplement.*—Land and building in  
Nagoya, Japan, for home and school,  
\$1,500; sending a lady to Hakodati,  
\$1,000. Total, \$31,108 00

## NEW YORK BRANCH.

*North India.*

Bareilly, Bible-readers.....	\$240 00
Conveyance.....	134 00
City schools.....	266 00
Inspectress.....	30 00
Christian Woman's school..	68 00
Fatheganj Bible - woman's school.....	166 00
Aonla.....	120 00
Philibhit.....	130 00
Bisalpur.....	27 00
Baheri.....	27 00
Faridpur.....	40 00
E. Shukjehanpore, Widow's Home.....	59 00
Budaon, Bible-readers.....	150 00
Bisouli.....	100 00
Bilsil.....	60 00
Agra.....	370 00
Kakrula.....	60 00
Muttra, House of Rest.....	500 00
Salary of Miss Sparkes.....	650 00
Bible-readers.....	80 00
Deaconesses.....	450 00
Training School....	200 00
Brindaban, Bible-readers....	80 00
Pithoragarh, Salary, Miss Budden.....	650 00
Miss Tresham.....	240 00
Miss Cummins.....	140 00
Ellen Hays.....	40 00
Farm expenses.....	160 00
Scholarships.....	220 00
Munshi.....	40 00
Conveyance.....	40 00
Medicines.....	40 00
Native doctor.....	20 00
Repairs.....	67 00
Village work.....	147 00
Four cow houses.....	134 00
Servants' house.....	34 00
Storehouse.....	34 00
Moradabad, Salary, Miss Dow- ney.....	650 00
Village and Mobullah work.	67 00
Itinerating.....	17 00
Bareilly, Salary, Miss English	650 00
Orphanage.....	950 00
Second assistant.....	240 00
Munshi.....	20 00
Lucknow, Bible-readers... ..	150 00
Teachers woman's college.	150 00
Itinerating.....	30 00
Conveyance.....	160 00
Ellenpur.....	54 00
Bahraich.....	200 00
Hurdul.....	200 00
Bible-readers, Unao.....	20 00
Allahabad.....	150 00
Conveyance.....	54 00
Itinerating.....	20 00
Woman's college.....	1,000 00

Total.....	\$10,795 00
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*South India.*

<i>Bombay</i> , Miss Wright.....	\$274 00
Pundit.....	25 00
Sunderbai Power.....	190 00
Conveyance.....	100 00
Scholarships.....	200 00
<i>Madras</i> , Salary, Miss Hughes.....	650 00
House rent.....	500 00
Miss H., expenses, Finance committee.....	40 00
Two Bible-readers.....	120 00
Conveyance.....	100 00
Orphanage.....	500 00
Two day schools.....	400 00
Assistant.....	190 00
Munshi.....	25 00
Matron and teacher.....	200 00
<i>Calcutta</i> , Scholarships.....	504 00
Hindustani, B. W.....	138 00
Total.....	\$4,156 00

*North China.*

<i>Peking</i> , Boarding school.....	\$300 00
Training school.....	250 00
School and hospital wards..	200 00
Opium refuge and ward.....	200 00
<i>Tientsin</i> , Salary, Mrs. Jewell.....	600 00
Incidentals.....	150 00
Teacher.....	84 00
Two Bible-women.....	100 00
Four day schools.....	175 00
Country work.....	100 00
<i>Tsun Hua</i> , Bible-woman.....	60 00
Traveling expenses.....	100 00
Deficits on building.....	300 00
Boarding school.....	390 00
Matron.....	50 00
Coolie.....	50 00
Total.....	\$3,109 00

*Central China.*

<i>Chinkiang</i> , Salary, Miss Hoag, M. D.....	\$600 00
Incidentals.....	150 00
Boarding school.....	350 00
Teacher.....	84 00
Watchman.....	48 00
Scholarships.....	150 00
Nurslings.....	200 00
W. gate watchman and taxes	56 00
Dispensary and hospital...	200 00
<i>Kinkiang</i> , Orphans.....	75 00
Books and stationery.....	50 00
Lady to be sent.....	1,000 00
<i>Nanking</i> , Salary, Miss Mitchell.....	600 00
Incidentals.....	150 00
Teacher.....	84 00
Gateman.....	48 00
Boarding school.....	275 00
Well.....	25 00
<i>Foochow</i> , Salary, Miss Carlton, M. D.....	600 00
Incidentals.....	150 00
Interpreter and teacher.....	120 00
Hospital watchman.....	42 00
Two deaconesses.....	72 00

Hospital expenses.....	200 00
Woman's work.....	250 00
Balance on building.....	153 00
Total.....	\$1,587 00

*Japan.*

<i>Tokyo</i> , Meta day school.....	\$350 00
Fukagawa.....	300 00
Mrs. Ucharia, B. W.....	36 00
<i>Sendai</i> , Bible-woman.....	72 00
Traveling expenses.....	28 00
Tracts and papers.....	50 00
<i>Aoyama</i> , Salary, Miss Atkinson.....	600 00
Incidentals.....	150 00
Teacher.....	100 00
Scholarships.....	120 00
Insurance.....	180 00
Repairs.....	100 00
Conference traveling expenses.....	60 00
<i>Yonezawa</i> , Salary, Miss M. Atkinson.....	600 00
Incidentals.....	150 00
Teacher.....	100 00
Conference expenses.....	30 00
Evangelistic work.....	60 00
Mrs. Cleveland's B. W.....	100 00
Traveling expenses.....	25 00
<i>Nagoya</i> , Salary, Miss Wilson..	600 00
Incidentals.....	150 00
Translations.....	150 00
Teacher.....	100 00
Repairs.....	25 00
Rent.....	150 00
Conference expenses.....	20 00
Furniture.....	150 00
<i>Nagasaki</i> , Scholarships.....	640 00
Translation.....	200 00
Native teacher.....	125 00
Kagoshima work.....	125 00
Insurance.....	159 00
<i>Fukuoka</i> , Salary, Miss Smith	600 00
Incidentals.....	150 00
Teacher.....	100 00
Scholarships.....	240 00
Helpers.....	120 00
Bible-woman.....	60 00
Conference expenses.....	35 00
<i>Hakodati</i> , Salary, Miss Hampton.....	600 00
Incidentals.....	150 00
Teacher.....	100 00
Conference expenses.....	40 00
Mrs. Weir's B. W. and work	150 00
Insurance.....	150 00
Land Rent.....	100 00
Native teachers.....	150 00
Building and repairs.....	500 00
Scholarships.....	520 00
<i>Hiroasaki</i> , House rent.....	200 00
School.....	200 00
Lady to be sent.....	1,000 00
Total.....	\$10,970 00

*Korea.*

<i>Seoul</i> , Mrs. Scranton, salary...	\$375 00
Teacher.....	45 00



Books and stationery.....	40 00
Scholarships.....	250 00
Traveling expenses.....	50 00
Kenison.....	55 00
Fuel.....	150 00
Freights and taxes.....	125 00
Hospital work.....	150 00

Total for Korea..... \$1,240 00

*Bulgaria.*

<i>Loftcha</i> , Scholarships.....	\$160 00
<i>Rustchuk</i> , School.....	36 00
Rent.....	80 00
Bible-work, Clara Klien.....	360 00

Total for Bulgaria..... \$636 00

*Italy.*

<i>Pisa</i> , Mrs. Biondi.....	\$180 00
Evangelistic work.....	200 00
Orphanage.....	200 00
Training school.....	180 00
Total for Italy.....	\$760 00

*Mexico.*

<i>Mexico City</i> , Scholarships.....	\$560 00
M. Teacher.....	120 00
<i>Pachuca</i> , Salary, Miss Hastings.....	600 00
Incidentals.....	150 00
Expenses Conference.....	25 00
Bibles and tracts.....	100 00
Water tax.....	12 00
Scholarships.....	420 00
<i>Puebla</i> , Salary, Miss Parker.....	600 00
Incidentals.....	150 00
Spanish teacher.....	100 00
Repairs.....	250 00
<i>Orizaba</i> , B. woman and supplies.....	100 00
<i>Queretaro</i> , Teacher.....	300 00
Rent.....	75 00
School supplies.....	25 00
Porter.....	20 00
Postage, stationery.....	5 00
B. woman and supplies.....	100 00
Building.....	200 00

Total for Mexico..... \$3,912 00

*South America.*

<i>Buenos Ayres</i> , Salary, Miss Le Huray.....	\$600 00
Incidentals.....	150 00
Furniture and school supplies.....	300 00
Scholarships.....	400 00
Rent.....	700 00
Salary, Miss Wood.....	600 00
Incidentals.....	150 00
Rent.....	600 00

Total for South America..... \$3,500 00

Grand Total..... \$44,810 00

Contingent..... 1,000,00

\$45,810 00

PHILADELPHIA BRANCH.

*North India.*

<i>Kumaon District.</i>	
<i>Pauri</i> , Salary, Miss Thornton.....	\$220 00
Orphanage.....	124 00
Village work.....	148 00
Repairs.....	67 00
<i>Pithoragarh</i> , Scholarships.....	60 00
<i>Rohilkhand District.</i>	
<i>Bijnour</i> , Scholarships.....	80 00
Teachers.....	25 00
<i>Bareilly</i> , Orphanage.....	300 00
<i>Muttra</i> , Bible readers and conveyance.....	147 00
Deaconess.....	225 00
Medicines and instruments..	200 00
Hospital expenses.....	230 00
Bible-woman and compounder.....	56 00
Itinerating and conveyance.	54 00
Salary, Dr. K. McDowell....	650 00
<i>Oudh District.</i>	
<i>Lucknow</i> , Bible reader.....	40 00
City schools.....	267 00
<i>Gonda</i> , Itinerating.....	20 00
Salary, Miss Boyd.....	240 00
<i>Bulrumpore</i> , Bible-reader and school.....	200 00
<i>Ajudhya</i> , Bible-reader and school.....	134 00
<i>Cawnpore</i> , Bible-readers....	42 00
Conveyances.....	140 00
City schools.....	267 00
Munshi for Mrs. Rockey....	20 00
Salary, Miss T. J. Kyle.....	650 00
Salary, Miss S. McBurnie....	650 00

Total..... \$5,256 00

*South India.*

<i>Bombay District.</i>	
<i>Baroda</i> , Salary, Miss Thompson.....	\$650 00
Support of children.....	100 00
Bible work and school.....	500 00
<i>Bombay</i> , Salary, Miss Thomas.	230 00
Pundit.....	25 00
Conveyance.....	100 00

\$1,605 00

*Bengal Conference.*

<i>Singapore</i> , Salary, Miss Leicester.....	\$200 00
Contingencies.....	50 00
<i>Rangoon</i> , Salary, Miss Black, Deaconess.....	

\$600 00

*China.*

<i>Foochow</i> , Hospital expenses..	\$200 00
Two medical students.....	80 00
Night watchman.....	42 00
Deaconess.....	24 00
Salary, Miss E. Johnson....	600 00
Incidentals.....	150 00
Teacher and Interpreter....	90 00
Building for training nurses.	400 00

\$1,586 00

<i>Tientsin</i> , Physician to be sent	\$1,000 00
Personal teacher.....	100 00
Hospital and dispensary expenses.....	200 00

	\$1,300 00
<i>Kiukiang</i> , Orphans.....	\$125 00
Bible-woman and expenses..	60 00
<i>Chinkiang</i> , Scholarships.....	25 00

\$210 00

Total for China..... \$3,096 00

#### *Japan.*

<i>Tokyo</i> , Scholarships.....	\$200 00
Insurance .....	124 00
Bible-woman, Mrs. Ushioda.	60 00
<i>Asakusa</i> , Day school.....	200 00
Salary, Miss Spencer.....	600 00
Incidentals.....	150 00
Salary, Miss Pardoe.....	600 00
Incidentals.....	150 00
Personal teacher.....	100 00
Traveling expenses.....	150 00
<i>Aoyama</i> , Scholarships.....	240 00
Matron.....	84 00

\$2,758 00

<i>Hakodati</i> , Scholarships.....	\$360 00
Salary, Miss Dickerson.....	600 00
Incidentals.....	150 00
Personal teacher.....	100 00
Expenses to Conference....	40 00
Fuel and Lights.....	250 00
House repairs and building.	500 00
Mrs. Green's Bible-woman and work.....	150 00
Home Salary, Miss Hewett..	300 00

\$2,450 00

<i>Nagasaki</i> , Scholarships .....	200 00
<i>Fukuoka</i> , Sewing teacher and Matron.....	70 00
<i>Nagoya</i> , New building.....	1,500 00

Total for Japan..... \$6,978 00

#### *Korea.*

Scholarships.....	\$200 00
Hospital attendants.....	150 00

Total for Korea..... \$350 00

#### *Bulgaria.*

<i>Loftcha</i> , First assistant Dobra Koomanova.....	\$300 00
Scholarships.....	80 00
<i>Sistov</i> , Teacher.....	136 00
<i>Orchania</i> , Teacher.....	80 00
Bible work.....	250 00

Total for Bulgaria..... \$846 00

#### *Italy.*

<i>Milan</i> , Bible-woman, Mrs. Campari.....	\$144 00
<i>Rome</i> , Maintenance of children	200 00

Total for Italy..... \$344 00

#### *Mexico.*

<i>Mexico City</i> , Scholarships.....	\$420 00
Matron.....	300 00
Treasurer's expenses.....	30 00
Salary, Miss M. D. Loyd....	600 00
Incidentals.....	150 00
Building fund.....	100 00
<i>San Vincenten</i> , School teacher.	250 00
School Supplies.....	100 00
Rent.....	60 00
Bible-woman and supplies..	75 00
<i>Puebla</i> , Scholarships.....	65 00
Bible-woman and supplies..	100 00
Building.....	100 00
<i>Guanajuato</i> , Rent.....	540 00
Porter.....	144 00
School supplies.....	100 00
Music and drawing teacher.	120 00
Sewing teacher.....	60 00
Salary, Miss Rodgers.....	600 00
Incidentals.....	150 00
Expenses to conference .....	25 00

Total for Mexico..... \$4,089 00

#### *South America.*

<i>Buenos Ayres</i> , Scholarships...	\$200 00
Assistants.....	480 00
Teachers.....	200 00
<i>Montevideo</i> , Schools.....	150 00

\$1,030 00

Total for appropriations..... \$24,194 00

Conditional..... 306 00

Total..... \$24,500 00

Lucknow college building, conditional..... 500 00

Grand Total..... \$25,000 00

#### BALTIMORE BRANCH.

##### *India.*

<i>Naini Tal</i> , Assistant.....	\$240 00
Rent for assistant.....	80 00
Upper Bazar school.....	80 00
Lower Bazar school .....	60 00
Rent upper Bazar school....	34 00
Rent lower Bazar school....	10 00
Conveyance.....	72 00
Bible-reader.....	10 00
<i>Dwarahat</i> , Assistant.....	220 00
Teachers .....	67 00
Matron .....	20 00
Bible-readers .....	50 00
Village work .....	8 00
Repairs .....	17 00
<i>Pauri</i> , Mrs. Whitby's salary..	280 00
Bible-readers and itinerating	70 00
<i>Cawnpore</i> , Bible-woman .....	42 00
<i>Moradabad</i> , Assistant.....	240 00
Medical student.....	40 00
School.....	150 00
Conveyance.....	67 00
<i>Bareilly</i> , Orphanage .....	120 00
Assistant .....	220 00
<i>Gondah</i> , Miss Gallimore, salary	650 00

Boarding school.....	200 00
Day schools and Bible-readers.....	92 00
<i>Nawab Ganj</i> .....	100 00
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	\$3,239 00
Lucknow college.....	500 00
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Total for North India.....	\$3,739 00
<i>Madras</i> , Miss Grace Stephens.....	\$274 00
Munshi.....	50 00
Orphans.....	150 00
Conveyance.....	100 00
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Total for South India.....	\$574 00

*China.*

<i>Foochow</i> , Medical students....	\$185 00
City Hospital.....	400 00
Day watchman.....	42 00
Deaconess.....	36 00
Girls' Boarding school.....	240 00
Balance on property.....	100 00
<i>Ku Cheng</i> , Woman's school....	150 00
Traveling.....	25 00
Day schools.....	400 00
Day school traveling.....	100 00
Deaconess.....	24 00
Miss Fisher's salary.....	600 00
Incidentals.....	150 00
Teacher.....	50 00
Bible-woman.....	40 00
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	\$2,542 00
<i>Kiukiang and Chinkiang</i> .....	40 00
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Total for China.....	\$2,582 00

*Japan.*

<i>Tokyo</i> , Miss Bender's outfit and passage.....	\$500 00
Salary.....	400 00
Incidentals.....	150 00
Teacher.....	100 00
<i>Tsukiji</i> , Scholarships.....	120 00
<i>Aoyama</i> , Scholarships.....	160 00
<i>Kanda</i> , School.....	400 00
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	\$1,830 00
<i>Yokohama</i> , Bible-women.....	80 00
<i>Nagasaki</i> , Scholarships.....	200 00
Japanese literature.....	250 00
Salary of Miss Simon.....	500 00
Incidentals.....	150 00
Teacher.....	70 00
Bible woman, O Saki San....	50 00
Bible-woman, O Masa San....	50 00
Tracts and leaflets.....	50 00
Expense to conference.....	35 00
Home salary, Miss Everding.....	262 50
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	\$1,617 50
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Total for Japan.....	\$3,527 50

*Korea.*

Pupils.....	\$200 00
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*Mexico.*

<i>Mexico</i> , Orphans.....	\$140 00
<i>Puebla</i> , Assistant.....	200 00
Debt on building.....	100 00
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Total for Mexico.....	\$440 00

*Rome.*

Bible-woman.....	192 00
Contingent.....	500 00
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Grand total.....	\$1,1754 00

## CINCINNATI BRANCH.

*North India.*

<i>Naini Tal</i> .....	\$300 00
<i>Bijnour</i> .....	127 00
<i>Moradabad</i> .....	100 00
<i>Bareilly</i> .....	220 00
<i>Shahjehampore</i> , Boarding sch..	500 00
Mrs. Plumer's salary.....	200 00
Bible readers.....	180 00
City schools.....	260 00
Conveyance.....	130 00
Itinerating.....	30 00
Mrs. Johnson and Munshi....	200 00
Rent, \$120; Repairs, \$80....	200 00
<i>Tilhar</i> .....	100 00
<i>Pawayan</i> .....	100 00
<i>Jalalabad</i> .....	84 00
<i>Agra</i> , Student, \$40; Repairs, \$34.....	74 00
<i>Lucknow</i> , Miss De Vine.....	650 00
Miss Sullivan.....	325 00
Bible-readers.....	150 00
Repairs.....	134 00
Scholarships.....	120 00
College teacher.....	150 00
Conveyance.....	67 00
<i>Seetapore</i> , Miss Boyd (assistant).....	180 00
Miss Sallick (assistant)....	160 00
Scholarships.....	280 00
School requisites, etc.....	124 00
Bible-readers and itinerat-ing.....	200 00
City schools.....	260 00
Rent and dispensary.....	216 00
Miss Bradshaw.....	180 00
Miss Davis.....	180 00
Conveyance and Munshi....	150 00
New building.....	1,000 00
<i>Lakimpore</i> .....	170 00
<i>Cawnpore</i> , First assistant, \$180; Repairs, \$80.....	210 00
<i>Barabanki</i> .....	285 00
Return of Miss Reed.....	325 00
Home salary.....	350 00
Salary, outfit and passage of Miss Sellars.....	1,000 00
Lucknow College.....	4,000 00
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Total for North India.....	\$13,671 00

*South India.*

<i>Baroda</i> , Miss Ernsberger.....	\$650 00
Rent and furniture.....	350 00
Dispensary and medicines..	300 00
Conveyance.....	300 00
Interpreter and helps.....	200 00
<i>Poona</i> , Schools and Bible- readers.....	650 00
Total for South India....	\$2,450 00

*Bengal Conference.*

<i>Calcutta</i> , Miss Mansell.....	\$650 00
Scholarship.....	84 00
Bengali Bible-women.....	80 00
Bengali schools.....	250 00
<i>Pakur</i> , Orphans.....	120 00
Teacher.....	72 00
Building.....	160 00
<i>Rangoon</i> , Miss Warner's re- turn and home salary.....	700 00
Passage, outfit and salary of Miss Scott.....	825 00
Scholarships.....	120 00
Total for Bengal Confer- ence.....	\$3,061 00

*North China.*

Miss Sears' passage and sal- ary.....	\$750 00
Miss Ketring.....	750 00
Teacher.....	100 00
Scholarship.....	390 00
Coolie, \$50; Traveling ex- penses, \$50.....	100 00
Repairs, \$200; Watchman, \$50.....	250 00
<i>Tsun Hwa</i> , Dispensary.....	300 00
Total for North China....	\$2,640 00
<i>Foochow</i> , Miss Bonafield.....	750 00
Teacher.....	50 00
Scholarships.....	240 00
Repairs, \$100; Insurance, \$40.....	140 00
Gate-keeper.....	42 00
House furnishing.....	150 00
Balance on appropriations..	100 00
Two medical students.....	103 00
Woman's school.....	250 00
Watchman.....	42 00
Repairs, \$50; Insurance, \$16	66 00
<i>Hing Hwa</i> , Eight day schools	450 00
Three women's schools.....	550 00
Miss Jewell's return home and salary.....	800 00
Total.....	\$3,733 00
Total for China.....	\$6,373 00

*Japan.*

<i>Tokyo</i> , Repairs.....	\$150 00
Scholarships.....	160 00
Translation, \$120; Matron, \$84.....	204 00

<i>Aoyama</i> .....	40 00
Miss Holbrook's assistant...	300 00
<i>Hakodati</i> , Scholarships.....	160 00
<i>Nagoya</i> , Teacher.....	168 00
Miss Ling's Bible-reader....	100 00
<i>Nagasaki</i> , Miss Allen.....	750 00
Miss Bing.....	750 00
Scholarships.....	600 00
Repairs.....	300 00
Taxes.....	275 00
Teachers.....	140 00
<i>Fukuoka</i> , Teacher.....	100 00
Grading.....	300 00
Miss Russell's home salary	350 00
Miss Elliott's home salary..	350 00

Total for Japan..... \$5,197 00

*Korea.*

Miss Rothweiler.....	\$750 00
Teacher.....	70 00
Janitor, \$45; Gateman, \$45	90 00
Repairs...	150 00
Traveling expenses.....	50 00
Scholarships.....	150 00
Bible-women.....	100 00

Total for Korea..... \$1,360 00

*Italy.*

<i>Turin</i> , Bible-reader.....	\$150 00
<i>Rome</i> , Helps, books, etc.....	250 00

Total for Italy..... \$400 00

*South America.*

<i>Rosario</i> , Scholarships.....	\$200 00
Matron.....	300 00
<i>Buenos Ayres</i> , Primary school	150 00
Rent.....	100 00
<i>Montevideo</i> , Schools and rent	390 00

Total for South America.. \$1,140 00

*Mexico.*

<i>Mexico City</i> , Miss Ayres.....	\$750 00
Assistant teacher.....	300 00
Orphans.....	210 00
Porter.....	225 00
Repairs and incidentals....	150 00
Last payment on property...	167 00
<i>Puebla</i> , Miss Warner.....	750 00
Expenses to conference....	25 00
Miss Orcliez.....	450 00
Taxes.....	200 00
Porter and gardner.....	150 00
Music teacher.....	150 00
School supplies.....	200 00
Plumbing and repairs.....	370 00
Scholarships.....	195 00
Repairing, new purchase....	500 00
<i>Orizaba</i> , Teacher.....	300 00
Rent, etc.....	325 00
Porter.....	25 00

Total for Mexico..... \$5,442 00  
Contingent..... 906 00

Total for Branch..... \$40,000 00

## NORTH-WESTERN BRANCH.

*North India.*

<i>Naini Tal</i> , Interest.....	\$300 00
<i>Dwarahal</i> , Boarding school....	120 00
<i>Pauri</i> , Six orphans.....	84 00
Bible-readers and itinerating.....	70 00
<i>Pithoragah</i> , Eight girls.....	96 00
<i>Bijnour</i> , Twenty-two scholarships.....	220 00
Assistant.....	180 00
Teacher.....	20 00
Two matrons.....	80 00
One teacher.....	25 00
Buildings and repairs.....	167 00
<i>Moradabad</i> , Eighteen scholarships.....	180 00
<i>Chandausi</i> , Bible-readers and schools.....	167 00
<i>Bareilly</i> , Fifteen orphans.....	150 00
<i>Panahpur</i> .....	100 00
<i>Mohamdi</i> .....	75 00
<i>Rakashia</i> .....	25 00
<i>Budaon</i> , Five scholarships.....	50 00
Assistant.....	200 00
Munshi.....	20 00
<i>Muttra</i> , Deaconess' home.....	2,000 00
Training school.....	200 00
Two English scholarships....	134 00
Rent.....	160 00
Land tax.....	50 00
<i>Lucknow</i> , Miss Perrine.....	650 00
Miss Rowe.....	325 00
Mrs. Pereira.....	240 00
College.....	2,000 00
<i>Cawnpore</i> , Miss De Tores.....	220 00
Miss Collins.....	200 00
Munshi.....	20 00
Land tax.....	53 00
<i>Seetapore</i> , New building.....	1,500 00

Total for North India..... \$10,081 00

*South India.*

<i>Bombay</i> , Salary of Miss De Line.....	\$650 00
Salary of Miss Carroll.....	650 00
Teachers.....	125 00
Pundit.....	24 00
Miss Lenahan.....	210 00
Miss McGuire.....	210 00
Conveyance.....	275 00
House rent.....	842 00
<i>Calcutta</i> , Seven scholarships....	588 00

Total for South India..... \$3,364 00

*North China.*

<i>Peking</i> , Purchase of property...	\$2,300 00
Three scholarships.....	90 00
<i>Tientsin</i> , Dr. Gloss' Salary.....	600 00
Incidentals.....	150 00
Miss Steere.....	600 00
Incidentals.....	150 00
Personal teachers.....	150 00
Gate-keepers.....	100 00
Repairs.....	100 00
Drugs.....	300 00

Hospital.....	200 00
Coolie.....	50 00
<i>Tsun Hua</i> , Walls and walks....	300 00
School furnishing.....	100 00
Total.....	\$5,190 00

*Central China.*

<i>Chinkiang</i> , Salary of Miss Robinson.....	\$600 00
Incidentals.....	150 00
Salary of Miss Peters.....	600 00
Incidentals.....	150 00
Personal teachers.....	144 00
Dispensary.....	200 00
One scholarship.....	25 00
One nursling.....	40 00
Watchman.....	48 00
Waterman.....	65 00
Repairs.....	85 00
Taxes.....	25 00
<i>Nanking</i> , Salary of Miss Shaw.....	600 00
Incidentals.....	150 00
Personal teacher.....	84 00
Wall for a new lot.....	100 00
Repairs.....	75 00
<i>Kiukiang</i> , Salary of Miss Howe.....	600 00
Incidentals.....	150 00
Salary of Miss Wheeler.....	600 00
Incidentals.....	150 00
Personal teacher.....	84 00
School teacher.....	50 00
Three scholarships.....	75 00
One scholarship.....	40 00
Repairs.....	500 00
Apparatus.....	100 00
Total.....	\$2,349 00

*Southern China.*

<i>Foochow</i> , Eight schools.....	\$400 00
Traveling expenses.....	50 00
Seven scholarships.....	140 00
School watchman.....	42 00
New home.....	200 00
Hospital expenses.....	200 00
Repairs.....	150 00
Insurance.....	30 00
<i>Ing Chung</i> , Woman's school (8).....	300 00
Day schools (4).....	200 00
Traveling expenses.....	25 00

\$1,737 00

Total for China..... \$12,417 00

*Japan.*

<i>Yokohama</i> , Salary of Mrs. Van Petten.....	\$600 00
Incidentals.....	150 00
Personal teacher.....	100 00
Five Bible-women.....	200 00
Itinerating.....	50 00
Repairs.....	100 00
Books, tracts and papers....	75 00
<i>Kobe</i> .....	100 00
<i>Kanagawa</i> .....	300 00
<i>Tokyo</i> , Six scholarships.....	240 00



Two native teachers.....	300 00
Taxes.....	275 00
<i>Aoyama</i> , Four scholarships....	160 00
One teacher.....	300 00
Sewing teacher.....	36 00
<i>Hakodati</i> , Seven scholarships...	280 00
<i>Nagasaki</i> , Five scholarships....	200 00
<i>Fukuoka</i> , Miss Taylor.....	400 00
Incidentals.....	150 00
Outfit and furniture.....	300 00
Traveling expenses.....	300 00
Native principal.....	300 00
Native teacher.....	100 00
Four scholarships .....	160 00
Building.....	500 00
Wall.....	150 00
Expenses to conference.....	35 00
<i>Kagoshima</i> , (Missionary to be sent \$1,000).....	3,395 00

Total for Japan..... \$6,861 00

*Korea.*

Salary of Dr. Howard.....	\$600 00
Incidentals.....	150 00
Medicines and instruments...	200 00
Hospital repairs.....	100 00
Hospital wall.....	150 00
Hospital fuel.....	150 00
Insurance.....	70 00

\$1,420 00

*South America.*

<i>Montevideo</i> , Salary of Miss Hyde.....	\$600 00
Incidentals.....	150 00
Assistants.....	400 00
Rent.....	400 00
Primary schools.....	1,000 00
<i>Rosario</i> , Salary of Miss Denning.....	600 00
Incidentals.....	150 00
Matron.....	300 00
Assistants.....	500 00
Five scholarships.....	375 00
<i>Buenos Ayres</i> , Rent.....	300 00

Total for South America.... \$4,775 00

*Mexico.*

<i>Mexico City</i> , Five scholarships.....	\$420 00
Assistant teacher.....	250 00
Physician and medicine....	135 00
Beds and bedding.....	80 00
Water and street tax.....	50 00
Interest.....	250 00
<i>Pachuca</i> , Music and primary teacher.....	420 00
School supplies.....	200 00
Porter.....	130 00
Repairs and garden.....	135 00
<i>Tetela</i> , Salary of Miss Hewett.....	600 00
Incidentals.....	150 00
Expenses to conference....	35 00
Rent .....	200 00
School supplies.....	75 00
Porter.....	80 00
Teacher. . . . .	250 00

Water tax.....	10 00
Repairs.....	50 00
Horse.....	50 00
<i>Apizaco</i> , Teacher.....	350 00
Rent.....	100 00
School supplies.....	50 00
Traveling expenses and porter.....	55 00
<i>Puebla</i> , Repairs.....	300 00

Total for Mexico..... \$4,425 00

*Bulgaria.*

Salary of Miss Schenck.....	\$600 00
Incidentals.....	150 00
Salary of Miss Fincham....	600 00
Incidentals.....	150 00
Six scholarships.....	240 00
Repairs and incidentals.....	250 00
Furniture.....	50 00
Postage.....	5 00
<i>Sophia Proca</i> , assistant....	154 00

Total for Bulgaria..... \$2,199 00

*Italy.*

Salary of Miss Hall.....	\$600 00
Incidentals.....	150 00
Scholarships.....	400 00
Traveling expenses.....	200 00
Rent of home.....	1,000 00
Contingent.....	250 00

Total for Italy..... \$2,600 00

*Germany.*

<i>Kiel</i> , Bible-woman.....	\$100 00
Contingent.....	1,758 00

Total for Branch..... \$50,000 00

MINNEAPOLIS BRANCH.

*North India.*

<i>Paori</i> , Girls in Orphanage....	\$240 00
<i>Ramier</i> , Bible-readers.....	28 00
<i>Pithora</i> , School matron..	20 00
School teachers.....	88 00
Home teachers.....	40 00
Girls and women.....	200 00
<i>Bijnour</i> , District work.....	240 00
<i>Bareilly</i> , Orphans and scholars	100 00
Miss D'Abreu.....	240 00
Zenana assistant.....	180 00
<i>Budaon</i> , Girls in boarding school.....	200 00
Mrs. Butterfield .....	144 00
Bible-readers.....	50 00
City schools.....	167 00
Village schools.....	84 00
Mrs. Wilson's munshi.....	20 00
Medicines and itinerating ..	134 00
Medical student.....	40 00
<i>Gunaur</i> , Bible-readers and schools.....	20 00
Conveyances.....	125 00
<i>Muttra</i> , One deaconess.....	225 00
Zenana work and conveyance.....	67 00



<i>Lucknow</i> , Mrs. Ward, assistant.....	160 00
Mrs. Bertram.....	180 00
Mrs. Morini.....	140 00
<i>Col Gunj</i> , Bible-reader and schools.....	107 00
<i>Gondak</i> , Teachers, \$89; Scholarships, \$100.....	189 00

Total for North India..... \$3,428 00

*South India.*

<i>Bombay</i> , Miss Abram's salary	\$650 00
Rent for boarding school....	630 00
Day schools.....	160 00
Matron.....	168 00
Miss Taylor.....	210 00
Conveyance.....	125 00
Six scholarships.....	120 00
Teacher.....	62 00

Total for South India..... \$2,125 00

*Bengal Conference.*

<i>Mhow</i> , Ajmere District, Bible-women and school.....	\$100 00
<i>Rangoon</i> , Seven orphans, \$20.	140 00
Two Bible-women.....	48 00
<i>Calcutta</i> , Two scholarships...	168 00
<i>Rourkee</i> , Schools and Bible-women.....	300 00
<i>Mussourie</i> , Schools.....	50 00
<i>Rajpore</i> , Bible-women.....	34 00

\$840 00

*Malay Mission Conference.*

<i>Singapore</i> , Salary of Miss Blackmore.....	\$650 00
House rent.....	300 00
One assistant.....	200 00
Teacher.....	100 00
Carriage hire.....	200 00

Total for Malay Mission... \$1,450 00

For Bengal Conference... 840 00

*Japan.*

<i>Aoyama</i> , Scholarships.....	\$40 00
<i>Tokyo</i> , Scholarships.....	40 00
<i>Hakodati</i> , Five scholarships...	200 00
<i>Nagasaki</i> , Mrs. Shebati, Bible-woman, and traveling expenses.....	86 00
<i>Yokohama</i> , Three Bible-women.....	120 00
<i>Tokyo</i> , Industrial school.....	1,000 00

Total for Japan..... \$1,486 00

*China.*

<i>Foochow</i> , Ten scholarships...	\$200 00
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*Mexico.*

<i>Mexico City</i> , Scholarships.....	\$70 00
Interest on building.....	50 00
<i>Puebla</i> , Salary of Miss Ogden.	750 00
Four scholarships.....	260 00
Branch school.....	250 00

Total for Mexico..... \$1,380 00

*Bulgaria.*

<i>Loftcha</i> , Four scholarships....	\$160 00
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Total for Bulgaria..... \$160 00

*Conditional*. Rangoon, \$100; Seetapore, \$400; Lucknow, \$500. Total, conditional... \$1,000 00

Grand total..... \$12,069 00

DES MOINES BRANCH.

*North India.*

<i>Pauri</i> , Orphans.....	\$84 00
Medical work.....	34 00
<i>Moradabad</i> , Orphans.....	50 00
Teachers.....	90 00
<i>Bareilly</i> , Orphans.....	220 00
Miss Annie Lawson.....	650 00
<i>Budaon</i> , Orphans.....	200 00
Repairs.....	67 00
<i>Lucknow</i> , Mrs. Hunt.....	240 00
Miss Biswas.....	200 00
Assistant, high school.....	200 00
New college.....	1,000 00
<i>Gonda</i> , Bible-readers.....	112 00
Conveyance.....	64 00
Horse.....	50 00
<i>Seetapore</i> , School building....	267 00

Total..... \$3,528 00

*South India.*

*Calcutta District.*

<i>Pakur</i> , Three orphans.....	\$60 00
<i>Calcutta</i> , Miss M. E. Day's salary.....	325 00
<i>Madras</i> , Mrs. Emily Jones....	210 00

Total..... \$595 00

*Japan.—Tokyo.*

<i>Tsukiji</i> , Four scholarships.....	\$160 00
Sewing teacher.....	36 00
Penmanship.....	90 00
Miss F. E. Phelps' salary...	600 00
Incidentals.....	150 00
Personal teacher.....	100 00
<i>Aoyama</i> , Two scholarships...	80 00
Miss M. A. Vance's salary...	600 00
Incidentals.....	150 00
Personal teachers.....	100 00
Japanese literature.....	120 00
Teacher natural science....	240 00
Penmanship.....	60 00
Tracts and papers.....	50 00
<i>Kagoshima</i> , Miss K. Livingston, outfit and passage...	1,000 00
<i>Yonezawa</i> , Miss M. B. Griffiths	600 00
Incidentals.....	150 00
Personal teacher.....	100 00
Native teacher.....	120 00
Conference expenses.....	30 00
<i>Hakodati</i> , Seven scholarships.	280 00
Native teacher.....	200 00

*Nagasaki*, Three scholarships \$120 00  
Teacher mathematics..... 400 00

Total for Japan..... \$5,536 00

*Italy.*

Bible woman, Mrs. Stazi.... \$240 00  
Bible-woman, Mrs. Passer-  
ina..... 84 00  
*Rome*, Children's home..... 100 00

\$424 00

*North China.*

*Peking*, Scholarships..... \$420 00  
Miss F. O. Wilson's salary 750 00  
Personal teacher..... 100 00  
Sarah Wang..... 50 00  
Cynthia Li..... 50 00  
Bible-woman, Mrs. Wu..... 50 00  
*Tientsin*, Training-class..... 200 00  
Traveling expenses..... 200 00

Total for North China..... \$1,820 00

*South China.*

*Foochow*, Hospital..... \$200 00  
Scholarships..... 200 00  
Balance on building..... 200 00  
*Hok Chiang*, Five day schools 250 00  
Traveling expenses..... 60 00  
Miss L. A. Trimble, outfit,  
etc..... 1,100 00

Total for South China..... \$2,010 00

*Central China.*

*Kiukiang*, Scholarship, Mary  
Stone..... \$25 00  
Gateman..... 37 00  
Matron..... 37 00  
Cook..... 37 00  
Watchman..... 37 00  
Physician and medicines... 50 00

Total for Central China.... \$223 00

*Korea.*

*Seoul*, Insurance..... \$40 00  
Patients in hospital..... 150 00

Total for Korea..... \$190 00

*Bulgaria.*

*Loftcha*, Anna Svetkova..... \$170 00  
Six scholarships, at \$4..... 24 00  
Three day scholars, at \$10... 30 00  
Two day scholars, at \$20... 40 00

Total for Bulgaria..... \$264 00

*Mexico.*

*Mexico City*, Lights..... \$140 00  
Four scholarships..... 280 00  
Interest..... 200 00  
*Ayapango*, Schoolhouse..... 200 00  
Assistant teacher..... 120 00  
*Guanajuato*, Bible-woman... 100 00  
Mexican assistant..... 360 00  
*Puebla*, Two scholarships..... 130 00  
New building..... 200 00

Total for Mexico..... \$1,730 00

*South America.*

*Buenos Ayres*, Rent..... \$100 00  
Mrs. Ocanz..... 300 00  
*Rosario*, Assistant teacher... 300 00  
Three scholarships..... 150 00

\$850 00

Contingent..... 810 00

Grand total..... \$18,000 00

TOPEKA BRANCH.

*North India.*

*Bareilly*, Orphanage..... \$200 00  
*Dwarahat*, Boarding school... 80 00  
*Pauri*, Orphanage... 56 00  
*Pithoragarh*, Girls..... 132 00  
*Bijnour*, School..... 90 00  
Teacher..... 25 00  
*Moradabad*, Medical student  
Kant school and Bible-  
reader..... 50 00  
*Budaon*, Boarding school.... 250 00  
*Muttra*, City schools..... 184 00  
*Kas Gunge*, School and Bible-  
readers..... 100 00  
*Lucknow*, College fund..... 500 00  
Woman's Home..... 180 00  
Matron..... 20 00  
Support of women..... 96 00  
*Seetapore*, Miss Fuller's salary  
Scholarship..... 650 00  
Building..... 30 00  
*Gondah*, Building.... 500 00  
Support of girls..... 150 00  
50 00

Total..... \$3,383 00

*South India.*

*Hyderabad*, Rent..... \$350 00  
Miss Blackmar's salary.... 650 00  
Assistant..... 175 00  
Purchase of Conveyance... 175 00  
Furniture..... 300 00

Total..... \$1,650 00

*Bengal Conference.*

*Pakur*, Orphans..... \$100 00

Total for India..... \$5,133 00

*China.*

*Peking*, Scholarships..... \$200 00  
*Tartar City*, Day schools..... 150 00  
*Tsun Hua*, Girls..... 210 00  
Assistant teacher..... 50 00  
*Tientsin*, Physician to be sent 1,000 00  
*Foochow*, Boarding school.... 80 00  
*Hokchiang*, Schools..... 200 00  
*Chinkiang*, Orphan and found-  
ling..... 50 00  
*Kiukiang*, Boarding school... 175 00

Total..... \$2,115 00

*Japan.*

<i>Yokohama</i> , Bible-woman.....	\$120 00
<i>Tokyo</i> , Tsukiji day school.....	400 00
Scholarships.....	80 00
<i>Aoyama</i> , Scholarships.....	120 00
<i>Nagasaki</i> , Scholarships.....	120 00
Miss Imhof's salary .....	600 00
Incidentals.....	150 00
Personal teacher.....	70 00
Expenses to conference.....	35 00
<i>Fukuoka</i> , Miss Watson's re- turn and home salary.....	700 00
<i>Hakodati</i> , Scholarships.....	200 00
Total for Japan.....	\$2,595 00

*Korea.*

Scholarships.....	\$150 00
Matron.....	50 00
Total.....	\$200 00

*Mexico.*

<i>Puebla</i> , Scholarships.....	\$325 00
Repairs.....	100 00
<i>Mexico City</i> , Scholarships.....	140 00
Interest.....	50 00
<i>Ayapango</i> , Teacher.....	250 00
Rent and school supplies....	100 00
Bible-women and supplies..	100 00
School furniture.....	100 00
Total....	\$1,165 00

*Bulgaria.*

<i>Loftcha</i> , Scholarships .....	\$240 00
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*South America.*

<i>Rosario</i> , Scholarships.....	\$300 00
Assistants.....	200 00
Total.....	\$500 00
Contingent .....	802 00

Grand total..... \$12,750 00

## PACIFIC BRANCH.

*North India.*

<i>Gondah</i> , Scholarships.....	\$50 00
<i>Bareilly</i> , Two Orphans.....	50 00
<i>Budaon</i> , One scholar.....	20 00
<i>Lucknow</i> , Inspectress.....	60 00
<i>Bhabar and Deedhura</i> , Amy Edwards.....	60 00
Christian girls.....	90 00
Matron.....	12 00

Three Bible-readers.....	34 00
Rent of Home.....	20 00

Total for North India..... \$396 00

*Bengal Conference.*

<i>Ajmere District</i> , Bible.women and schools.....	\$100 00
<i>Calcutta</i> , Boarding school, one girl.....	84 00
<i>Pakur</i> , Five orphans.....	100 00
Building.....	40 00

Total for Bengal..... \$324 00

*South India*

<i>Kamptee</i> , Two assistants.....	\$190 00
Schools.....	149 00
Conveyance.. ..	50 00
Marathi Pundit.....	30 00
Hindustani mupshi.....	30 00

Total for South India..... \$449 00

*Japan.*

<i>Nagasaki</i> , Chinese and pri- mary teachers.....	\$400 00
City work, two schools.....	50 00
<i>Nagoya</i> , Bible-woman.....	75 00
Tracts and papers.....	25 00

Total for Japan..... \$450 00

*Korea.*

<i>Seoul</i> , Boarding school, two girls.....	\$100 00
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Total for Korea..... \$100 00

*China.*

<i>Foochow</i> , Boarding school.....	\$20 00
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Total for China..... \$20 00

*Mexico.*

<i>Miraflones</i> , Bible-woman.....	\$60 00
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Total for Mexico..... \$60 00

Grand total..... \$1,799 00

## SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATIONS, 1889-90.

BRANCH.	India.	China.	Japan.	Korea.	Italy.	Bulgaria.	South America.	Mexico.	Con- tingent.	Total.
New England	\$8,678	\$7,310	\$7,325	\$1,310	\$640	\$240	\$3,300	\$2,305	.....	\$31,108
New York...	14,951	8,841	10,970	1,240	760	636	3,500	3,912	\$1,000	45,810
Philadelphia.	7,461	3,096	6,978	350	344	846	1,030	4,089	806	25,000
Baltimore...	4,313	2,582	3,527	200	192	.....	.....	440	500	11,754
Cincinnati...	19,182	6,373	5,197	1,360	400	.....	1,140	5,442	906	40,000
Northwestern	13,445	12,417	6,861	1,420	2,600	2,199	4,775	4,425	1,758	50,000
Des Moines..	4,123	4,053	5,536	190	424	264	850	1,730	830	18,000
Minneapolis.	7,843	200	1,486	.....	.....	160	.....	1,380	1,000	12,069
Topeka.....	5,133	2,115	2,595	200	.....	240	500	1,165	802	12,750
Pacific .....	1,169	20	450	100	.....	.....	.....	60	.....	1,799
	\$86,298	\$47,007	\$50,925	\$6,370	\$5,360	\$4,585	\$15,095	\$24,948	\$7,602	\$248,290

## SUMMARY OF HOME WORK.

BRANCH.	Auxiliaries.	Members.	Young Ladies' Societies.	Members.	Children's Bands.	Members.	Total Organizations.	Total Membership.	Life Members.	Honorary Managers.	Life Patrons.	Conference Secretaries.	District Secretaries.	Subscribers to H. W. Friend.
New England.....	413	10,846	29	511	129	1,753	601	13,110	1,753	51	16	9	28	2,600
New York.....	847	29,256	110	1,956	44	520	1,001	31,732	520	101	21	12	40	3,308
Philadelphia.....	311	10,648	156	3,849	.....	.....	467	14,497	.....	28	7	6	31	1,813
Baltimore .....	130	6,100	24	.....	15	.....	169	6,100	.....	6	1	1	5	768
Cincinnati .....	710	12,500	97	2,580	125	2,100	932	17,180	2,100	104	10	9	44	2,673
North-Western..	1,017	24,127	109	2,249	130	2,970	1,286	29,346	2,970	98	3	12	67	4,459
Des Moines.....	386	8,513	51	969	46	677	483	10,159	677	30	10	7	33	1,469
Topeka.....	266	5,574	39	838	52	1,105	357	7,517	1,105	19	1	10	36	1,114
Minneapolis .....	142	3,400	14	341	45	886	201	4,627	886	42	12	9	....	1,005
Pacific .....	23	559	3	73	8	229	34	861	229	2	....	4	5	191
Total.....	4,305	111,623	632	13,366	594	10,240	5,531	135,129	10,240	481	81	79	289	19,400

## SUMMARY OF FOREIGN WORK BY BRANCHES.

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### NEW ENGLAND BRANCH.

*Foreign Summary:* Number of missionaries supported 15, of which three are medical; assistants, 22; Bible-women and teachers, 103; matrons, 4; training schools (in part), 2; boarding schools and orphanages, 8; day, city, and village schools, 60; pupils in same, 900; pupils in boarding schools, and scholarships, 146; orphans in orphanages, 42; zenanas visited, 1,000; women under instruction, 1,200.

### NEW YORK BRANCH.

*Foreign Summary:* Missionaries (two medical), 23; zenana teachers and assistants, 35; Bible women, India 38, China 5, Japan 4, Bulgaria 1, Italy 1, Mexico 4; day schools, India 30, China 5, Japan 5, Bulgaria 2, South America 2, Mexico 3; Scholarships, India 8, China 19, Japan 45, Bulgaria 6, Korea 3; orphans, India 131, Mexico 8.

### PHILADELPHIA BRANCH.

*Foreign Summary:* Missionaries, 11; Bible-women and native teachers, 34; orphans and scholarships, 88; assistants, 8; matrons, 3; day schools, 21; assistants in boarding schools, 10.

### BALTIMORE BRANCH.

*Foreign Summary:* India: Missionaries, 1; missionary assistants, 6; Bible-women 6, scholars, 36; village schools, 5. China: Foochow, missionaries, 1; hospital deaconess, 1; medical students, 4; orphans, 14; day schools, 12; Kiukiang: orphans, 2. Japan: missionaries, 2; Bible-women, 1; school, 1; orphans, 12. Mexico: missionary assistant 1; orphans, 2. Rome: missionary assistant, 1. Korea: orphans, 4.

### CINCINNATI BRANCH.

*Foreign Summary:* American missionaries, 22; assistants, 3; medical missionaries (American), 1; medical assistants, 2; Bible-women, 41; native Christian teachers, 18; training schools, 3; boarding schools, 3; number of pupils, 74; orphans, 44; day, city, and village schools, 42; number of pupils, 1,102; dispensaries, 1; number of zenanas visited, 910; number of women under instruction, 1,266; homes for fallen women, 1.



## NORTH WESTERN BRANCH.

*Foreign Summary:* Number of missionaries, 20; of whom three are medical. Owing to a change in officers, statistics of foreign work are incomplete.

## DES MOINES BRANCH.

*Foreign Summary:* American missionaries, 6; matrons, 2; Bible-women, 10; native Christian teachers, 11; training schools (in part,) 2; boarding schools, (in part,) 12; number of pupils (scholarships), 39; orphanages (in part), 3; number of inmates, 45; day, city, and village schools, 6; hospitals, 3; number of zenanas visited, 130.

## MINNEAPOLIS BRANCH.

*Foreign Summary:* American missionaries, 3; assistants, 9; Bible-women, 9; native Christian teachers, 5; training schools, pupils, 4; boarding schools in which Branch has pupils, 12; number of pupils, 50; orphanages, 3, number of pupils, 23; day, city, and village schools, 29; number of pupils, 520; dispensaries, 1; patients, 3,332; number of prescriptions, 8,321; number of zenanas visited, 276; number of women under instruction, 798; home for fallen women, 1.

## TOPEKA BRANCH.

*Foreign Summary:* Number of missionaries, 4; Bible readers, 11; teachers, 10; orphans and scholarships, 128.

## PACIFIC BRANCH.

*Foreign Summary:* Teachers and assistants, 4, orphans 2; Bible-women, 2; scholarships, 6; day schools, 2; zenana assistants, 1.

## MISSIONARIES OF THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

APPOINT	MISSIONARIES.	POSTOFFICE ADDRESS.	BRANCHES.	FORMER RESIDENCE.
1869....	* Miss Clara A. Swain, M. D....	Khetri Rajputana, India.....		Castile, N. Y.
1869....	" Isabella Thoburn.....	Home on leave, 50 York st., Cincinnati, O.....	Cincinnati.....	Delaware, O.
1870....	" Fannie J. Sparkes.....	Muttra, India.....	New York.....	Binghamton, N. Y.
1872....	" Gertrude Howe.....	Kiu Kiang, China.....	North-Western	Lansing, Mich.
1872....	" Lucy A. Hoag, M. D.....	Chin Kiang ".....	New York.....	Ann Arbor, Mich.
1872....	" Louise E. Blackmar.....	Hyderabad, India.....	Des Moines.....	W. Springfield, Pa.
1874....	" Susan M. Warner.....	Puebla, Mexico.....	Cincinnati.....	New Orleans, La.
1874....	" Mary Hastings.....	Pachuca, Mexico.....	New York.....	Chelsea, Mass.
1874....	" Jennie M. Chapin.....	Home on leave.....	New England..	Chicopee, Miss.
1874....	" Lou B. Denning.....	" ".....	North-Western	Normal, Ill.
1878....	" S. A. Easton.....	Naini Tal, India.....	Cincinnati.....	Washington, D. C.
1878....	" Matilda A. Spencer.....	Tokyo, Japan.....	Philadelphia...	Germanstown, Pa.
1878....	" Mary J. Holbrook.....	Tokyo, Japan.....	Cincinnati.....	Hawleytown, N. Y.
1878....	" M. E. Layton.....	241 W. 14th St., N. Y.....	Baltimore.....	Columbia, Pa.
1878....	" Clara M. Cushman.....	Peking, China.....	New England..	Lawrence, Mass.
1879....	" Elizabeth Russell.....	Delaware, O.....	Cincinnati.....	Keyser, W. Va.
1879....	" Jennie M. Gheer.....	Bellewood, Pa.....	New York.....	Bellewood, Pa.
1880....	" Annie B. Sears.....	Bucyrus, O.....	Cincinnati.....	Bucyrus, O.
1880....	" Annie Budden.....	Pithoragarh, India.....	New York.....	Almorah, India.
1881....	" Minnie Hampton.....	Hirosaki, Japan.....	" ".....	New York, N. Y.
1881....	Mrs. Carrie Van Petten.....	Yokohama, Japan.....	North-Western.	Neponset, Ill.
1881....	Miss Emma S. Knowles.....	Calcutta, India.....	New England...	Newark, N. J.
1881....	" Phoebe Rowe.....	Lucknow, India.....	North-Western.	India.

\* Miss Swain, the first medical missionary sent out by the society, served efficiently for fifteen years, and is now engaged in independent work as physician to the palace of the Rajah of Khetri. After a short rest at home, she returned to India in October.

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APPOINT	MISSIONARIES.	POSTOFFICE ADDRESS.	BRANCHES.	FORMER RESIDENCE.
1881....	Miss Frances J. Wheeler.....	Kiu Kiang, China.....	North-Western.	Chicago, Ill.
1882....	" Anna P. Atkinson.....	Tokyo Japan.....	New York.....	Cazenovia, N. Y.
1882....	" Esther J. De Vine.....	Lucknow, India.....	Cincinnati.....	Marietta, O.
1883....	Mrs. Charlotte M. Jewell.....	Tientsin, China.....	New York.....	California.
1883....	Miss Rebecca J. Watson.....	Fukuoka, Japan.....	Topeka.....	Nebraska.
1883....	" Emma J. Everding.....	Syracuse, N. Y.....	Baltimore.....	Syracuse, N. Y.
1884....	Miss Ella J. Hewett.....	Hakodati, Japan.....	Philadelphia...	Gilead, Mich.
1884....	" Emily L. Harvey.....	Cawnpore, India.....	New England..	South Barton, Vt.
1884....	" Mary Christianity, M. D..	Bareilly, ".....	" "	Washington, D. C.
1884....	" Fannie M. English.....	" ".....	New York.....	Seneca Falls, N. Y.
1884....	" Clara A. Downey.....	Moradabad ".....	" "	Rome, N. Y.
1884....	" Margaret C. Hedrick.....	Calcutta, ".....	" "	S. Charleston, O.
1884....	" Sarah DeLine.....	Bombay, ".....	North-Western.	Elwood, Ill.
1884....	" Mary Reed.....	Cawnpore, ".....	Cincinnati.....	Crooked Tree, O.
1884....	" Hettie Mansell.....	Calcutta, ".....	" "	Delaware, O.
1884....	" Catherine Corey, M. D..	Indianapolis, Ind.....	North-Western.	Michigan.
1884....	" Mary C. Robinson.....	Chin Kiang, China.....	" "	"
1884....	" Carrie I. Jewell.....	8 Hayward Ave., Rochester..	Cincinnati.....	Harmar, O.
1884....	" Lizzie M. Fisher.....	Foochow, ".....	Baltimore.....	London, O.
1884....	" Eleanor LeHurray.....	Buenos Ayres, S. A.....	New York.....	Summit, N. J.
1884....	" Mary De F. Loyd.....	Mexico City, Mexico.....	Philadelphia	Hillsboro, O.
1884....	" Linna A. Schenck.....	Loftcha, Bulgaria.....	North-Western.	Muskegan, Mich.
1885....	Mrs. M. F. Scranton.....	Seoul, Korea.....	N. E. & N. Y...	Cleveland, O.
1885....	Miss Anna D. Gloss, M. D..	Tientsin, China.....	North-Western.	Chicago, Ill.
1885....	" Theresa J. Kyle.....	Cawnpore, India.....	Philadelphia...	Mt. Pleasant, Pa.
1885....	" Elizabeth M. Hall.....	Rome, Italy.....	North-Western.	Cazenovia, N. Y.
1885....	" M. J. Elliot.....	Home on leave.....	Cincinnati.....	Greenburg, O.
1885....	" Lida B. Smith.....	Fukuoka, Japan.....	New York.....	Syracuse, N. Y.

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APPOINT.	MISSIONARIES.	POSTOFFICE ADDRESS.	BRANCHES.	FORMER RESIDENCE.
1885.....	Miss Julia Wisner.....	Rangoon, Burmah.....	Cincinnati.....	Berea, O.
1886.....	" Lizzie Hewett.....	Tetela, Mexico.....	North-Western	Gilead, Mich.
1886.....	" Anna Lawson.....	Bareilly, India.....	Des Moines.....	Ottumwa, Ill.
1886.....	" Della A. Fuller.....	Seetapore, India.....	New England..	Boulder, Col.
1886.....	" Kate McDowell, M. D.....	Muttra, India.....	Philadelphia....	Philadelphia, Pa.
1886.....	" Oriel Miller.....	Naini Tal, ".....	Cincinnati.....	Huntsville, O.
1886.....	" Nellie R. Green.....	Peking, China.....	New England..	San Francisco, Cal.
1886.....	" Hattie L. Ayres.....	Mexico City, Mexico.....	Cincinnati.....	Hillsboro, O.
1887.....	" Edna G. Terry, M. D.....	Tsun Hua, China.....	New England..	Boston, Mass.
1887.....	" Mary A. Hughes.....	Madras, India.....	New York.....	Brooklyn, N. Y.
1887.....	" Ella C. Shaw.....	Nanking, China.....	North-Western.	Moore's Hill, Ind.
1887.....	" Mary A. Vance.....	Toyko, Japan.....	Des Moines....	Burlington, Iowa.
1887.....	" Minnie F. Abrams.....	Bombay, India.....	Minneapolis....	Mapleton, Minn.
1887.....	" Nettie C. Ogden.....	Puebla, Mexico.....	".....	Springfield, O.
1887.....	" Mabel C. Hartford.....	Foochow, China.....	New England..	Dover, N. H.
1887.....	" Sophia Blackmore.....	Singapore, Straits Settlement	Minneapolis....	Australia.
1887.....	" May E. Carlton, M. D.....	Foochow, China.....	New York.....	Brownsville, N. Y.
1887.....	" Louisa C. Rothweiler.....	Seoul, Korea.....	Cincinnati.....	Berea, O.
1887.....	" Meta Howard, M. D.....	Albion, Mich.....	North-Western.	Albion, Mich.
1887.....	" Ella B. Fincham.....	Loficha, Bulgaria.....	".....	Petosky, Mich.
1887.....	" Annie Gallimore.....	Gonda, India.....	Baltimore.....	Newport, Ky.
1888.....	" Mary Atkinson.....	Yonezawa, Japan.....	New York.....	Cazenovia, N. Y.
1888.....	" Belle J. Allen.....	Nagasaki, ".....	Cincinnati.....	Bellefontaine, O.
1888.....	" Anna L. Bing.....	Nagasaki, ".....	".....	Delaware, O.
1888.....	" Julia Bonafield.....	Foochow, China.....	".....	Tunnelton, W. Va.
1888.....	" Kate A. Blair.....	Calcutta, India.....	".....	Toledo, Ohio.
1888.....	" Mary Black.....	".....	Philadelphia....	Oil City, Pa.
1888.....	" Mary E. Bowen.....	Montevideo, S. A.....	New England..	Warren, R. I.

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APPOINT.	MISSIONARIES.	POSTOFFICE ADDRESS.	BRANCHES.	FORMER RESIDENCE.
1888.....	Miss Mary E. Carroll.....	Bombay, India.....	North-Western.	Joliet, Ill.
1888.....	" Mary A. Danforth.....	Nagoya, Japan.....	New England...	Colebrook, N. H.
1888.....	" Augusta Dickerson.....	Hakodati, ".....	Philadelphia...	Philadelphia, Pa.
1888.....	" Martha A. Day.....	Calcutta, India.....	Des Moines.....	Mt. Pleasant, Iowa.
1888.....	" J. Erusberger, M. D.....	Poonah, India.....	Cincinnati.....	Delphos, O.
1888.....	" Estella M. Files.....	Rangoon, Burmah.....	New York.....	Brockport, N. Y.
1888.....	" Lillian G. Hale.....	Tsun Hua, China.....	New England...	W. Newbury, Mass.
1888.....	" Minnie B. Hyde.....	Montevideo. S. A.....	North-Western.	Quincy, Mich.
1888.....	" Ella Johnson.....	Foochow, China.....	Philadelphia...	Philadelphia, Pa.
1888.....	" Mary Kering.....	Peking, ".....	Cincinnati.....	Napoleon, O.
1888.....	" Mary Maxey.....	Calcutta, India.....	New York.....	London, O.
1888.....	" S. McBurnie.....	Cawnpore, ".....	Philadelphia...	Philadelphia, Pa.
1888.....	" Emma Mitchell.....	Nanking, China.....	New York.....	Brooklyn, N. Y.
1888.....	" Florence Perrine.....	Lucknow, India.....	North-Western.	
1888.....	" Sarah Peters.....	Chin Kiang, China.....	"	Princeville, Ill.
1888.....	" Mary E. Pardoe.....	Toyko, Japan.....	Philadelphia...	Dauphin, Pa.
1888.....	" Lucy W. Sullivan.....	Lucknow, India.....	Cincinnati.....	Dayton, O.
1888.....	" Martha A. Sheldon, M. D.	Moradabad, India.....	New England...	Excelsior, Minn.
1889.....	" Anna S. Freuch.....	Yokohama, Japan.....	"	W. Salisbury, Wis.
1889.....	" Anna M. Rodgers.....	Guanajuato, Mexico.....	Philadelphia...	Mt. Pleasant, Pa.
1889.....	" Anna E. Steere.....	Tientsin, China.....	North-Western.	Adrian, Mich.
1889.....	" Louisa Imhof.....	Nagasaki, Japan.....	Topeka.....	Lincoln, Nebraska.
1889.....	" Mary E. Wilson.....	Nagoya, ".....	New York.....	Chattanooga, Tenn.
1889.....	" Elsie Wood.....	Rosario, South America.....	"	S. America.
1889.....	" Maude E. Simons.....	Nagasaki, Japan.....	Baltimore.....	Fredericktown, O.
1889.....	" Mary B. Griffiths.....	Yonezawa, ".....	Des Moines.....	Marathon, Iowa,
1889.....	" Frances E. Phelps.....	Tokyo, ".....	"	Sioux City.
1889.....	" Frances O. Wilson.....	Peking, China.....	"	Corning, Iowa.

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APPOINT.	MISSIONARIES.	POSTOFFICE ADDRESS.	BRANCHES.	FORMER RESIDENCE.
1889.....	Miss Theda A. Parker.....	Puebla, Mexico.....	New York.....	Marilla, N. Y.
1889.....	" E. A. Bender.....	Tokyo, Japan.....	Baltimore.....	Maryland.
1889.....	" Martha E. Taylor.....	Fukuoka, ".....	North-Western.	Eau Claire, Mich.
1889.....	" Ellen Forbes.....	Kagoshima, Japan.....	"	Russelville, Ind.
1889.....	" Fanny Scott.....	Rangoon, Burmah.....	Cincinnati.....	Cincinnati, O.
1889.....	" Rue Sellars.....	North India.....	"	New Matamoras, O.
1889.....	" Lydia A. Trimble.....	Foochow, China.....	Des Moines.....	Galva, Iowa.
1889.....	" Ellen Blackstock.....	Tokyo, Japan.....	Minneapolis.....	Shadeland, Ind.
1889.....	" Georgiana Bancus.....	Hirosaki, ".....	New York.....	Ithaca, N. Y.
1889.....	" Josephine Kuromshi.....	Hakodati, Japan.....	New England..	Boston, Mass.
1889.....	" Kate Livingston.....	Kagashima, ".....	Des Moines.....	Iowa.
1889.....	" Amelia Van Dorsten.....	Seoul, Korea.....	North-Western.	Wisconsin.
1889.....	" Anna Thompson.....	Baroda, India.....	Philadelphia...	Canton, Ohio.

## APPOINTED AND WILL GO DURING PRESENT YEAR.

Miss Rachel R. Bean, M. D.....	Tientsin, China.....	Philadelphia.....	Edinboro, Pa.
" Ida Stevenson, M. D.....		Des Moines.....	
" Margaret Green, M. D.....		N. Western.....	
" Ella Lyon, M. D.....			

## ACCEPTED BUT NOT APPOINTED.

Miss Anna Belle Long.
" Ruth M. Sites.



## MISSIONARIES OF THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.—(Continued.)

## RETIRED AFTER TWENTY-FIVE YEARS' SERVICE.

APPOINT.	MISSIONARIES.	WHERE EMPLOYED.	BRANCHES.	PRESENT ADDRESS.
	Miss Sarah Woolston.....	Foochow, China.....	.....	Trenton, N. J.

## ENTERED INTO REST.

APPOINT.	MISSIONARIES.		
1875.....	Miss Létitia A. Campbell.....	Peking, China.....	Died May 18, 1878.
1878.....	" Susan B. Higgins.....	Yokohama, Japan.....	" July 3, 1879.
1876.....	" L. H. Green, M. D. (Mrs. Cheney) ..	Bareilly, India.....	" Sept. 30, 1878.
1881.....	" Emma Michener.....	Africa.....	" Dec. 11, 1881.
1884.....	" Ella Gilchrist, M. D.....	Kiu Kiang, China.....	" April 23, 1884.
1886.....	" Beulah Woolston.....	Foochow, China.....	" Oct. 24, 1886.
1886.....	" Cecilia Guelfi.....	Montevideo, S. A.....	" 1886.
1881.....	" Harriet Kerr.....	Bareilly, India.....	" Dec. 11, 1886.
1890.....	" Florence Nickerson.....	Lucknow, India.....	" Jan. 31, 1887.

## TREASURERS IN FOREIGN FIELDS.

*North India*: Miss Anna E. Lawson, Bareilly, India, via Brindisi.

*Bombay*: Miss Mary E. Carroll, Gilder Street, Bombay, India, via Brindisi.

*Madras*: Miss Mary Hughes, Vepery, Madras, India, via Brindisi.

*Bengal Conference*: Miss Emma L. Knowles, 18 Eman Bagh Lane, Calcutta, India, via Brindisi.

*Singapore*: Miss Sophia Blackmore, Singapore, Straits Settlements, via Brindisi.

*North China*: Miss Clara M. Cushman, Peking, China, via San Francisco.

*Chinkiang*: Miss Mary E. Robinson, Chinkiang, China, via San Francisco.

*Kiukiang*: Miss Gertrude Howe, Kicukiang, China, via San Francisco.

*Foochow*: Miss Lizzie M. Fisher, Foochow, China, via San Francisco.

*Korea*: Mrs. Mary F. Scranton, Seoul, Korea, via San Francisco.

*Toyko*: Miss Matilda A. Spencer, 13 Tsukiji, Toyko, Japan, via San Francisco.

*Yokohama*: Mrs. Carrie Van Petten, 221 Bluff, Yokohama, Japan, via San Francisco.

*Hakodati*: Miss Minnie Hampton, Hakodati, Japan, via San Francisco.

*Nagasaki*: Miss Maude E. Simons, Nagasaki, Japan, via San Francisco.

*Italy*: Miss Emma M. Hall, 163 via Iorino, Rome, Italy.

*Bulgaria*: Miss Linna M. Schenck, Loftcha, Bulgaria.

*South America*: Mrs. Ada M. C. Drees, 214 Calle De Corrientes, Buenos Ayres, Argentine Republic, South America.

*Mexico*: Miss Mary De F. Loyd, Apartado, 345 Mexico City, Mexico.

## RECEIPTS OF SOCIETY SINCE ITS ORGANIZATION.

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## UNIFORM STUDIES FOR 1890.

*January.*—Review of work of past year.

*February.*—Work of our society in North India Conference.

*March.*—Work of our society in South India Conference.

*April.*—Work of our society in Bengal Conference.

*May.*—How to bring the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society to its highest state of efficiency.

*June.*—Work among our young people in our colleges and seminaries.

*July.*—Korea.

*August.*—Italy.

*September.*—Mite-box service.

*October.*—Central Japan.

*November.*—Northern Japan.

*December.*—Southern Japan.

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CONSTITUTION

OF THE

WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

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## ARTICLE I.—NAME.

This Association shall be called "THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH."

## ARTICLE II.—PURPOSE.

The purpose of this Society is to engage and unite the efforts of Christian women in sending female Missionaries to women in the foreign Mission fields of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and in supporting them, and native Christian teachers and Bible-readers in those fields.

## ARTICLE III.—MEMBERSHIP.

The payment of one dollar annually shall constitute membership, and twenty dollars life membership. Any person paying one hundred dollars shall become an Honorary Manager for life, and the contribution of three hundred dollars shall constitute the donor an Honorary Patron for life.

## ARTICLE IV—ORGANIZATION.

The organization of this Society shall consist of a General Executive Committee, Co-ordinate Branches, Auxiliary Societies, to be constituted and limited as laid down in subsequent articles.

## ARTICLE V.—GENERAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

SECTION 1. The management and general administration of the affairs of the Society shall be vested in a General Executive Committee, consisting of the Corresponding Secretary and two delegates from each Branch, which delegates, together with two reserves, shall be elected at the Branch Annual Meetings, said meetings to be held within two months before the meeting of the General Executive Committee. Said committee shall meet at Boston, the third Wednesday in April, 1870, and annually, or oftener, thereafter, at such time and place as the General Executive Committee shall annually determine.

SECTION 2. The duties of the General Executive Committee shall be :

1. To take into consideration the interests and demands of the entire work of the Society, as presented in the reports of Branch Corresponding Secretaries, and in the estimates of the needs of Mission fields; to ascertain the financial condition of the Society; to appropriate its money in accordance with the purposes and methods herein indicated; to devise means for carrying forward the work of the Society; fixing the amounts to be raised; employing new Missionaries, designating their fields of labor, examining the reports of those already employed, and arranging with the several Branches the work to be undertaken by each.

2. To appoint a committee, consisting of one from each Branch, to have charge of the Missionary paper of this Society, and to arrange for the publication of an Annual Report of the work of the Society.

2. To transact any other business that the interests of the Society may demand, provided all the plans and directions of the committee shall be in harmony with the provisions of the Constitution.

## ARTICLE VI.—BRANCHES.

SECTION 1. The organizations already formed at Boston, New York, Philadelphia, Chicago and Cincinnati, shall be regarded as Co-ordinate Branches of this Society, on their acceptance of this relationship under the provisions of the present Constitution.

SEC. 2. Other Branches may be organized in accordance with the following general plan for districting the territory of the church :

DISTRICTS.	STATES.	HEADQUARTERS.
I.	New England States . . . . .	Boston.
II.	New York and New Jersey . . . . .	New York.
III.	Pennsylvania and Delaware . . . . .	Philadelphia.
IV.	Maryland, District of Columbia and Virginia . . . . .	Baltimore.
V.	Ohio, West Virginia, Kentucky and Tennessee . . . . .	Cincinnati.
VI.	Illinois, Indiana, Michigan and Wisconsin . . . . .	Chicago.
VII.	Iowa and Missouri . . . . .	Des Moines.
VIII.	Minnesota, Dakota, Montana, Idaho, Washington Territory and Oregon . . . . .	Minneapolis.
IX.	Kansas, Nebraska, Colorado and Wyoming . . . . .	Topeka.
X.	California, Nevada, Arizona . . . . .	Los Angeles.
XI.	North Carolina, South Carolina, Alabama, Georgia and Florida . . . . .	Atlanta.
XII.	Arkansas, Mississippi, Louisiana and Texas . . . . .	New Orleans.

This plan, however, may be changed by an affirmative vote of three-fourths of the members of the General Executive Committee present at any annual meeting of the same.

SEC. 3. The officers of each Branch Society shall consist of a President, not less than ten Vice-Presidents, a Recording Secretary, a Corresponding Secretary, a Treasurer, an Auditor, and not less than ten Managers. These, with the exception of Auditor, shall constitute an Executive Committee for the administration of the affairs of the Branch, nine of whom shall be a quorum for the transaction of business. These officers shall be elected at the annual meeting of the Branch, and shall continue in office until others are chosen in their stead.

SEC. 4. The President, or one of the Vice-Presidents, shall preside at all meetings of the Branch, and of its Executive Committee.

The Recording Secretary shall notify all meetings of the Branch and of the executive committee, and shall keep a full record of the proceedings.

The Corresponding Secretary shall, under the direction of the Executive Committee, conduct the correspondence of the Society with foreign missionaries, with the other Branches, and with its Auxiliary Societies (hereafter mentioned), and shall endeavor, by all practical means, to form Auxiliary Societies within the prescribed territory of the Branch. It shall also be her duty to present to the annual meeting of the General Executive Committee a report of the work of the Branch during the year, for publication in its annual report.

The Treasurer shall receive all contributions to the Branch, keeping proper books of account, and shall make such disposition of the funds as the Executive Committee may direct, each order of the committee being duly signed by the Corresponding Secretary.



SEC. 5. The Executive Committee shall have supervision of the work assigned to the Branch by the General Executive Committee, and may order the disbursements of the funds required for that work, provide for all the wants, and receive all the reports of the Missionaries, Bible-women and Teachers, who, by the plan of the General Executive Committee, are to be supported by the Branch.

SEC. 6. No Branch shall project new work, or undertake the support of new Missionaries, except by the direction, or with the approval, of the General Executive Committee.

SEC. 7. Each Branch may make its own By-Laws regulating its meetings, and those of the Executive Committee, also any others which may be deemed necessary to its efficiency, not inconsistent with this Constitution.

#### ARTICLE VII.—AUXILIARY SOCIETIES.

Any number of women who shall contribute not less than ten dollars annually may form a Society auxiliary to that Branch of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, within whose prescribed territorial limits they may reside, by appointing a President, three or more Vice-Presidents or Managers, a Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer, who together shall constitute a local Executive Committee.

#### ARTICLE VIII.—RELATION TO THE MISSIONARY AUTHORITIES OF THE CHURCH.

SEC. 1. This Society shall work in harmony with, and under the supervision of the Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church. The appointment, recall, and remuneration of Missionaries, and the designation of their fields of labor, shall be subject to the approval of the Board of Managers of the Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and annual appropriations to Mission fields shall be submitted for revision and approval to the General Missionary Committee of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

SEC. 2. All Missionaries sent by this Society shall labor under the direction of the particular Conferences, or Missions of the Church in which they may be severally employed. They shall be annually appointed by the President of the Conference or Mission, and shall be subject to the same rules of removal that govern the other Missionaries.

SEC. 3. All the work of the Woman's Society in foreign lands shall be under the direction of the Conferences or Missions, and their committees, in exactly the same manner as the work of the Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, the Superintendent or Presiding Elder having the same relation to the work and the person in charge that he would have were it in the charge of any member of the Conference or Mission.

SEC. 4. The funds of the Society shall not be raised by collections or subscriptions taken during any of our church services, nor in any promiscuous public meetings, nor in any Sunday schools, but shall be raised by such methods as the Constitution of the Society shall provide, none of which shall interfere with the contributions of our people and Sunday schools for the treasury of the Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and the amount so collected shall be reported by the preacher in charge to the annual Conference, and be entered in the column among the benevolent collections in the annual General Minutes.

SEC. 5. Section 4 of this article shall not be so interpreted as to prevent the ladies from taking collections in ladies' meetings convened in the interest of their Societies, nor from securing memberships, life-memberships, etc., in audiences where their work is represented, nor from holding festivals, or arranging lectures in the interests of their work.

#### ARTICLE IX.—CHANGE OF CONSTITUTION.

This Constitution may be changed at any annual meeting of the General Executive Committee, by a two-thirds vote of each Branch delegation, notice of the proposed change having been given at the previous annual meeting; but Article VIII shall not be changed except with the concurrence of the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

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## BY-LAWS

### OF THE

## GENERAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

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I. The General Executive Committee shall convene not later than the last week in October.

II. The annual meetings of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church shall be held in such places as the said committee shall elect.

III. The President and Corresponding Secretary of the Branch within whose precincts the meeting of the General Executive Committee is to be held, shall fix the exact date of the meeting of said committee, and arrange for the anniversary exercises.

IV. The Branch Corresponding Secretaries shall meet at least one day before the time of the meeting of the General Executive Committee, for the purpose of nominating the members of the Standing Committees, and planning work for its session, and report the same at the opening of said committee.

V. The Corresponding Secretary of the Branch within the bounds of which the committee convenes shall preside over its meetings until a permanent organization is effected.

VI. The order of business shall be as follows :

1. Calling the roll.
2. Election of President and Secretary.
3. Appointment of Standing Committees, *i. e.*, Committee on Publication, Committee on Finance, Committee on Application of Missionary Candidates, Committee on By-Laws.
4. Reception of Estimates, Memorials and Petitions.
5. Reports of Corresponding Secretaries.
6. Report of Committee of Reference.
7. Report of Constitutional Publication Committee.
8. Report of Official Correspondents and presentation of information from foreign work.
9. Fixing place of next meeting.
10. Notice of constitutional amendments.
11. Miscellaneous business.
12. Reports of Standing Committees daily, immediately after reading of minutes.

VII. The rules of order shall be as follows :

1. Each session shall open and close with devotional exercises.
2. All resolutions to be discussed shall be presented in writing.
3. All ladies speaking, shall rise when they address the Chair.
4. No member shall be granted leave of absence except by a vote of the entire body.

VIII. It shall be the duty of the Recording Secretary of the General Executive Committee to forward to our foreign treasurers, as soon as practicable after adjournment, a copy of the appropriations for each Mission.

IX. The Secretary of each meeting of the General Executive Committee shall keep a full record of all proceedings, and enter them upon a suitable book of record, which shall be deposited in the safe of the *Heathen Woman's Friend*, and shall be transmitted to the next meeting of the General Executive Committee by the Corresponding Secretary of the New England Branch.

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I.—BRANCH CORRESPONDING SECRETARIES.

1. The Branch Corresponding Secretaries shall superintend all the interests of their respective Branches; conduct the correspondence of the Society with foreign missionaries; be present at all Branch quarterly meetings, and present a quarterly report of the work of the Branch, and give to the public, or direct to be given, all communications and plans of the business of their respective branches.

2. Each Corresponding Secretary shall be required to furnish in her report to the General Executive Committee the following items: Number of Auxiliary Societies, members, life-members, honorary patrons and managers, subscribers to the *Heathen Woman's Friend*, and the receipts of the treasurer. In her report of the foreign work she shall include the number of Missionaries, Bible-readers, boarding schools, and orphans supported by her Branch.

II.—BRANCH TREASURERS.

1. Branch Treasurers shall be required to publish each month in the *Heathen Woman's Friend* their report of moneys received. They shall forward the appropriations immediately after the close of the General Executive Committee, according to the appropriations for the next year, sending them directly to the Foreign Treasurers.

2. The financial year of the Society shall commence October 1; Branch Treasurers shall close their accounts for the year by September 30, as nearly as possible.

3. The money received from annual membership shall not be used to make life-members, honorary managers, or honorary patrons. Life membership shall be made by the payment of twenty dollars, given specifically for that purpose. If in installments, the final payment shall be made as soon as practicable, and the membership reported as complete only when that has been done; all installments to be credited on the Treasurer's book, and acknowledged in the *Heathen Woman's Friend*.

4. In case any Branch is unable to meet the obligations it has assumed, any other Branch may, by the action of its Executive Board be permitted to use its surplus funds in aid of the Branch deficient.

5. Any bequest or donation made to the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society shall be paid to the Treasurer of the Branch within whose territory the bequest or donation is made, unless otherwise specified by the donor.

## FOREIGN TREASURERS.

1. Our Foreign Treasurers shall forward their estimates, properly approved, to the chairman of Committee of Reference on or before October 1st., that she may have them copied and put in the hands of the Corresponding Secretaries on or before session of General Executive Committee.

2. The Treasurers in the foreign field are instructed to promptly forward receipts quarterly to Branch Corresponding Secretaries and Treasurers, and a full financial report annually, including balances, to Branch Corresponding Secretaries, in time for it to reach them before October 1st.

3. The appropriations for the foreign field shall be paid on the basis of the currency of the country, the exchange therefrom accruing to our treasury, with the exception of the salary of the missionaries, which shall be paid on the basis of American gold.

4. The funds of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society shall be entirely under the control of the General Executive Committee, to be used only for the purposes designated by that committee. Our Missionaries shall not exceed in expenditure the amount appropriated by the General Executive Committee. Emergencies arising during the year can be met only by application properly endorsed by the Missionary authorities, to the Committee of Reference.

5. If any surplus funds remain in the Foreign Treasuries from unused appropriations, exchange, or any other source, they must report to the Branches from whose moneys they accrue.

## IV.—OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENTS.

The Branch Corresponding Secretaries shall correspond with the Missionaries, so as to be able to present a full report of the work in each Mission, such information to be presented to the General Executive Committee, the fields assigned to the several Secretaries to be arranged by themselves.

## V.—THE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE.

1. The Committee of Reference shall be composed of the Branch Corresponding Secretaries.

2. It shall meet immediately after the adjournment of the General Executive Committee, and organize by the election of a chairman and Secretary.

3. All cases of emergency that would come before the General Executive Committee, arising in the interim of its sessions, shall be submitted to this Committee, and decided by a majority vote.

4. The Chairman shall send each resolution that is submitted to the committee to each member, and when all have returned their votes, she shall declare the result, and order the Secretary to record both resolution and votes.

5. The committee shall present a full report of its action during the year to the General Executive Committee for approval and permanent record.

#### VI.—INSTRUCTIONS TO MISSIONARIES.

We call the attention of the Missionaries of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society especially to Article VIII, Section 3, of Constitution, in compliance with which they will consult the superintendent of the mission in which they are laboring on all general plans of their work, and advise with him as to the most effective measures to be taken in the purchase of property, building, and any important undertaking belonging to their special interest.

1. They are expected to attend the annual meeting or conference of their mission, that they may confer with other members of the mission upon all topics connected with their own department, and will report quarterly to the superintendent.

2. They will be expected to devote their entire time and attention to their legitimate work, as all their temporal necessities will be provided for by the Society.

3. They are required to send annual and quarterly reports to the Corresponding Secretary having charge of their work, and the action of the General Executive Committee will be communicated to them through that secretary, or the correspondent appointed for their field by said committee, and no other instructions are to be considered as official.

4. They, with the wives of Missionaries who labor in the interest of the Society, shall constitute a committee to prepare, at each session of the conference or annual meeting of the Missionaries, the estimates for the ensuing year, which estimates shall have the sanction of said conference or annual meeting before being forwarded to the General Executive committee.

5. They shall incur no expense during the year to be met by this Society for which the estimate has not previously been submitted to and approved by the General Executive Committee at its annual meeting.

6. They shall credit to the Society all donations received for the support of their work, and annually report the same with their financial statement.

7. All solicitations for funds for special work must be made through the proper official authorities, and Missionaries are instructed not to apply to private sources for aid for support of their work.



8. A Medical Missionary shall be accountable to the Branch from which she is sent. She shall keep an itemized account of all receipts and disbursements; such receipts may be used for necessary expenses, in her medical work; any surplus being remitted to the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, and her medical outfit shall be the property of the same.

9. If there prove to be a manifest unfitness for Missionary labor, the General Executive Committee may cancel its obligations to a Missionary whom it has appointed, three month's notice having been given to such appointee by the Committee of Reference, return passage to be paid by the Society, provided she return at the expiration of the three months.

10. A lady Missionary desiring her expenses paid by the Society for a return home from any other cause than that of ill health, must secure permission from the General Executive Committee or Committee of Reference through the Corresponding Secretary of the Branch supporting her.

11. All rules pertaining to the relations of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church with its Missionaries shall be published in the General Annual Report.

12. The Corresponding Secretary of the Branch by which any Missionary is sent shall be required to sign the following contract: I, ———, Corresponding Secretary of ——— Branch, by which the money is raised for the support of ———, agree on the part of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society to pay the travelling expenses of ——— from the time of her leaving home to that of her arrival in her field of labor, and also her salary from the latter date. In case of illness, I agree, on the part of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, to submit a resolution to the General Executive Committee, or in the interim of its sessions, to the Committee of Reference, asking the privilege of her return home. Such permission being granted, I agree to pay her return passage; and in case her relations to the Society are harmonious, her salary for the first year, at the rate of three-hundred and fifty dollars, or if it be inexpedient for her to return, at the rate of three hundred dollars.

In case of emergency demanding her immediate return home, she shall bring a certificate of disability from a physician and the superintendent of the Mission.

13. We agree to pay our Missionaries \$200 for personal outfit, and \$100 for the furnishing of the home, when necessary, the latter to be the property of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.

14. We recommend, when practicable, that such an arrangement be made for the duties of our Missionaries during their first year's service as shall allow them considerable time for the study of the language, and that their salary for that year shall be four hundred dollars, with one hundred

and fifty for incidentals. Medical Missionaries shall from the first receive full salary.

15. Each returned Missionary shall be expected to attend the first General Executive Committee session after her return, and her travelling expenses to and from the place of meeting shall be met by the Branch supporting her, unless otherwise provided for.

16. We accept the relation of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society to the authorities of the church, and to our workers in the field, as interpreted by the delegated conference in India, in their session of 1881, as follows :

#### OFFICIAL RELATION OF LADY MISSIONARIES.

1. Definition of relations of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, as given by the bishops, in May, 1881.

"To the ladies of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society :—

To your questions we respectfully reply, as follows :

1st. We take the liberty to refer you to our action bearing date November 22nd, 1877, a copy of which is as follows :

#### "TEACHERS IN MISSION SCHOOLS."

In the judgment of the bishops it is not within the right of the superintendent of a Mission to remove lay teachers from the schools to which they have been appointed, nor to interfere authoritatively with the internal arrangements of the schools, unless such right be expressly granted by the missionary authorities at New York.

2nd. In case of difference between appointee and the Mission (including the superintendent), which cannot be adjusted between the parties without unreasonable delay, we recommend that such difference, with the papers and facts, be referred by the parties to the bishop in charge, for final decision.

3rd. It is our judgment that the missionaries sent by the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society should be permitted to be present at the meetings of the Mission, and to speak on all matters relating to their work.

Most respectfully and sincerely,

WILLIAM L. HARRIS."

WHEREAS, Certain usages having grown up and been found acceptable and successful in connection with our older mission fields in India, we deem it expedient to formulate the same in the following rules :

1. In general : The position of a lady missionary, placed in charge of work in connection with any of our circuits or stations, is the same as that of a second Missionary or "junior preacher" to whom special work is assigned.

2. In particular: The general plan of work, such as establishing new schools, employing and dismissing head teachers, arranging terms of tuition, board, etc., and preparing a course of study, when these matters are not fixed by an Educational Committee, selecting classes of people among whom work may be most successfully carried on, arranging dispensaries and deciding the proportion of medical work to be given to natives and Europeans, Christians and non-Christians, etc., all such *general plans* shall be arranged by the lady in charge of the special department of work, after free consultation with the Superintendent or Presiding Elder.

3. The lady Missionary in charge of work has full liberty to do the work assigned her in her own way, and to carry out the internal arrangement of her department in the manner which she deems best adapted to secure success.

4. The relation of the Superintendent or Presiding Elder to the work under the charge of a lady is the same as it would be were it under the charge of a Member of Conference—he having a general advisory supervision, auditing the accounts (when not done by trustees), making suggestions, etc., exactly as with all the other work of his district.

5. Lady Missionaries in charge of work, and all Missionaries of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, are appointed by the President of Conference, at the same time and in the same manner that the appointments of Conference are made. Should, however, a President of Conference at any time decline so to appoint, the superintendent or Presiding Elders in Council will arrange the same.

6. All new buildings or expensive repairs or changes shall receive the sanction of Superintendent or Presiding Elder, even though no appropriation of money be asked.

7. A class of laborers are employed in our work, known as “assistants.” In the employment or dismissal of these ladies, the consent of the Superintendent of Mission or of the Presiding Elder must be secured. They may be transferred by the Presiding Elder, with the consent of the lady in charge of the department in which they are employed. When these lady assistants, being members of our church, by several years of faithful service, have come to be received as belonging permanently to our body of laborers, they may, on the recommendation of the Ladies' Society, when such exists, or by quarterly Conference, be formerly recognized by Conference, and appointed the same as lady Missionaries are.

8. In case of a transfer of a lady Missionary or an “assistant” from one Conference or charge to another, a written permission shall be secured, signed by Superintendent or Presiding Elder in whose jurisdiction the

person may be employed, when, according to the condition in Rule 7, the engagement may be completed.

#### REQUIREMENTS OF MISSIONARY CANDIDATES.

1. Each Branch shall appoint a standing committee of five, of which the Branch Corresponding Secretary shall be chairman, who shall investigate the case of any candidate within the limits of the Branch, and shall supply such candidate with blank for health certificate and constitutional questions, to be filled out and answered by her; and when practicable, a personal interview shall be had with the lady, by two or more of the committee before her papers are forwarded to the Reference Committee or the committee appointed at the General Executive Meeting. The Corresponding Secretary of the Branch presenting Missionary candidates, shall have a personal interview with each lady presented, before her final appointment to a foreign field.

2. A Missionary candidate must believe herself Divinely called to the work of a foreign Missionary, and assert her belief that she is actuated only by a desire to act in accordance with God's will.

3. She must indicate her ability to work in a foreign field by Christian usefulness at home.

4. She must declare her intention to make foreign missionary work the service of her effective years, and agree to give at least five years of continuous service, as a single woman, to the work of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, unless prevented by ill health; this is not to be understood in the sense that the obligation to remain in the field ceases at five years, but that her obligation to refund passage and outfit money is binding for that length of time; she must also assert her willingness to labor in any field, though her preference is always to be taken into account.

6. The age of a candidate must not be less than twenty-five years, nor more than thirty. A thorough, intellectual training, with a facility in acquiring languages, and a remarkable ability for Christian Work, may be considered as a sufficient reason for deviation from this rule.

7. Financial and executive ability, and power of adaptation to circumstances, are essential qualifications.

8. She must present a certificate of health from a competent physician, and give satisfactory answers to the medical questions authorized by the General Executive Committee of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.

9. Every missionary candidate is required to sign the following contract:

"I, ———, agree to conform to the above requirements and conditions while in the employ of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, and failing in this, to refund the amount of outfit and passage money."

10. After the adoption of a missionary candidate, she shall be regarded as under the direction of the General Executive Committee, and of the Committee of Reference, in the interim of the sessions of that committee.

11. The case of any accepted candidate not sent out during the year, shall be brought before the General Executive Committee at its next session.

12. The application of a missionary candidate with corresponding testimonials shall cover the following particulars: Health, adaptability to people and circumstances, executive ability, intellectual qualities and culture, religious experience and usefulness, and general fitness for the work.

*First.* Health, attested by a properly certified health certificate.

*Second.* Personal religious experience. Belief in the doctrines and identification with the membership of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Experience and efficiency in Christian work.

Convictions and call to Missionary work, and the intention to give to it the service of the life.

*Third.* Testimonials are further necessary as to grade of scholarship, whether it includes the study of Latin or any modern language, with facility in its acquirement; knowledge of music, vocal or instrumental. Diploma of scholarship.

Certificate of experience and success in teaching.

*Fourth.* Testimonials are also required as to executive ability, adaptability to people and circumstances, and whatever personal qualities are necessary for greatest efficiency in Christian work.

#### VII.—HEATHEN WOMAN'S FRIEND.

1. The paper of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society shall be known as the *Heathen Woman's Friend*.

2. Its editor and agent shall be elected annually by the General Executive Committee.

3. In the interim of the sessions of the General Executive Committee, the management of the paper shall be under the control of the Publication Committee provided by the Constitution.

#### VIII.—CONSTITUTIONAL PUBLICATION COMMITTEE.

1. This committee shall be composed of the Branch Corresponding Secretaries.



2. It shall meet and organize immediately after the adjournment of the General Executive Committee, by the election of a Chairman and Secretary.

3. The agent of the *Heathen Woman's Friend* shall give the Chairman an itemized report of the receipts and expenditures of the paper, properly audited, by the first of October, and another six months thereafter. If she finds it necessary to deviate from the published instructions of the General Executive Committee, she shall lay the matter before this committee, and be subject to its direction.

4. A committee of five shall be appointed annually by the Constitutional Publication Committee, to whom shall be intrusted the investment and control of the funds of the *Heathen Woman's Friend*.

5. The agent of the *Heathen Woman's Friend* shall commence and close her financial year with October 1.

6. If the office of editor or agent becomes vacant during the year, this committee shall have the power to fill the vacancy.

7. The traveling expenses of either the editor or agent of the *Heathen Woman's Friend*, and of the chairman of Literature Committee, to and from the sessions of the General Executive Committee, shall be paid from the funds of the *Heathen Woman's Friend*.

8. There shall be a Literature Committee, whose work shall be to edit the annual Report, to provide leaflets, uniform readings, lesson leaves, and other helps for monthly and public meetings, and to superintend all publications of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.

9. In no case shall the amount used in publishing interests, or for any other demands, infringe upon a capital of \$5,000, to be retained in the treasury of the *Heathen Woman's Friend*.

10. This Committee shall meet prior to each session of the General Executive Committee, and report to that body the work of the year.

11. These By-Laws may be amended at any meeting of the General Executive Committee, by a two-thirds vote of the members present.

#### IX.—ZENANA PAPER.

1. The Constitutional Publication Committee shall take charge of the funds raised for the endowment of the Zenana Paper, and control of their investment and expenditure, and have the general supervision of the interests of the paper.

2. The Corresponding Secretary of each Branch shall have the control of the investment of the funds raised for the support of the Zenana Paper within the bounds of her Branch, with the approval of the Constitutional Publication Committee; the interest on investments to be paid semi-annually to the Treasurer of the Zenana Paper.



3. The Woman's Conference in India shall nominate a Committee consisting of five persons, three ladies and two gentlemen, one of whom shall be the publisher, to supervise the interests of the Paper, and arrange with the Press Committee for editing and publishing the Zenana Paper in the various languages and dialects required; these nominations to be subject to the approval of the Constitutional Publication Committee in America.

4. The Corresponding Secretary of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society in India, shall send an Annual Report of the Zenana Paper to the Chairman of the Constitutional Publication Committee, with the amount of circulation and items of interest, in time to be presented to the General Executive Committee meeting in America.

5. The Treasurer in India of the funds of the Zenana Paper shall furnish the Constitutional Publication Committee an Annual Report of the receipts and expenditures of said paper, in time to be presented to the Annual Meeting of the General Executive Committee in America.

6. A report on the Zenana Paper shall be published in the Annual Report of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.

7. The treasurer of the Zenana Paper funds in America shall send the interest on the investments direct to the treasurer of the Zenana Paper in India, only upon order of the Chairman of Constitutional Committee.

## ACT OF INCORPORATION.

STATE OF NEW YORK, }  
CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK, } ss.

We, the undersigned, Caroline R. Wright, Anna A. Harris, Sarah K. Cornell and Harriet B. Skidmore, of the City of New York, and Susan A. Sayre, of the City of Brooklyn, being all citizens of the United States of America, and citizens of the State of New York, do hereby, pursuant to, and in conformity with, the Act of the Legislature of the State of New York, passed on April 12th, 1848, entitled, "An Act for the incorporation of benevolent, charitable and missionary societies," and the several Acts of the said Legislature amendatory thereof, associate ourselves together and form a body politic and corporate, under the name and style of "The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church," which we certify is the name or title by which said Society shall be known in law. And we do further hereby certify, that the particular business and object of said Society is to engage and unite the efforts of Christian

women in sending female missionaries to women in foreign mission fields of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and in supporting them, and native Christian teachers and Bible-readers in those fields.

That the number of Managers to manage the business and affairs of said Society shall be seventeen, and that the names of such managers of said Society, for the first year of its existence are: Lucy A. Alderman, Sarah L. Keen, Ellen T. Cowen, Sarah E. Crandon, Mary C. Nind, Elizabeth K. Stanley, Harriet M. Shattuck, Isabel Hart, Caroline R. Wright, Harriet B. Skidmore, Rachael L. Goodier, Annie R. Gracey, Harriet D. Fisher, Sarah K. Cornell, Anna A. Harris, Ordellia M. Hillman, and Susan A. Sayre.

That the place of business or principal office of said Society shall be in the City and County of New York, in the State of New York.

Witness our hands and seals this 20th day of December, A. D. 1884.

Caroline R. Wright.	[Seal]
Anna A. Harris.	"
Harriet B. Skidmore.	"
Sarah K. Cornell.	"
Susan A. Sayre.	"

STATE OF NEW YORK,                    }  
CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK,       } ss.

On the 20th day of December, 1884, before me personally came and appeared Caroline R. Wright, Anna A. Harris, Harriet B. Skidmore, and Sarah K. Cornell, to me known, and to me personally known to be the individuals described in and who executed the foregoing certificate, and they severally duly acknowledged to me that they executed the same.

[NOTARY'S SEAL.]

ANDREW LEMON,  
*Notary Public, (58)*  
*New York County.*

STATE OF NEW YORK, COUNTY OF KINGS,       }  
CITY OF BROOKLYN,                               } ss.

On this 22d day of December, A. D., 1884, before me personally came Susan A. Sayre, to me known and known to me to be one of the individuals described in, and who executed the foregoing certificate, and duly acknowledged to me that she executed the same.

[NOTARY'S SEAL.]

F. G. MINTRAM,  
*Notary Public for Kings County.*

STATE OF NEW YORK, }  
COUNTY OF KINGS, } ss.

I, Rodney Thursby, Clerk of the County of Kings and Clerk of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, in and for said county, (said court being a Court of Record), DO HEREBY CERTIFY, that F. G. Mintram, whose name is subscribed to the Certificate of Proof, or acknowledgment of the annexed instrument, and thereon written, was at the time of taking such proof or acknowledgment, a Notary Public of the State of New York, in and for the said county of Kings, dwelling in said County, commissioned and sworn, and duly authorized to take the same. And, further, that I am well acquainted with the handwriting of such Notary, and verily believe the signature to the said Certificate is genuine, and that said instrument is executed and acknowledged according to the Laws of the State of New York.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said County and Court, this 24th day of December, 1884.

[SEAL.]

RODNEY THURSBY, *Clerk.*

(Endorsed.)

THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

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Certificate of Incorporation, December 27, 1884.

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I, the undersigned, one of the Justices of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, for the first Judicial District, do hereby approve the within certificate, and do consent that the same be filed pursuant to the provisions of an Act of the Legislature of the State of New York, entitled "An Act for the incorporation of benevolent, charitable, scientific and missionary societies," passed April 12th, 1848, and the several Acts extending and amending said Act. Dated New York, Dec. 26, 1884.

ABM. R. LAWRENCE, *J. S. C.*

STATE OF NEW YORK, }  
CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK, } ss.

I, James A. Flack, Clerk of the said City, and County, and Clerk of the Supreme Court of said State for said County, do certify, that I have compared the preceding with the original Certificate of Incorporation of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, on file in my office, and that the same is a correct transcript therefrom, and of the whole of such original. Endorsed, filed and recorded, Dec. 27th, 1884, 1 hour, 25 minutes.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto subscribed my name, and affixed my official seal, this 12th day of November, 1888.

[SEAL.]

JAMES A. FLACK, *Clerk.*

## FORMS FOR WILL AND DEVISE.

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Special attention is called to the following form of Bequest and Devise required by the incorporation of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.

### FORM OF BEQUEST.

I hereby give and bequeath to the "Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church," incorporated under the Laws of the State of New York.....Dollars, to be paid to the Treasurer of said Society, whose receipt shall be sufficient acquittance to my executors therefor.

### FORM OF DEVISE OF REAL ESTATE.

I hereby give and devise to the "Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church," (describe land, etc., intended to be given to the Society), and to their successors and assigns forever.

NOTE.—Prompt notice of all bequests and devises should be given to the Corresponding Secretary of the Branch within which the donor resides.

Mrs. H. B. Skidmore, 230 West 59th street, New York, is the Treasurer of the WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY, with power to sign release to executors, through whom the Society may receive bequests, and to perform such other acts as are required by the Act of Incorporation, and which cannot be legally executed by branch Treasurers.

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## COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE.

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The corresponding Secretaries of the several Branches, constitute a Committee of Reference, of which Mrs. H. B. Skidmore, No. 230 West Fifty-ninth street, New York, is Chairman, and Mrs. B. R. Cowen, 7 Crescent Place, Walnut Hills, Cincinnati, is Secretary.

All communications to be brought before the WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY in the interim of the General Executive Committee should be addressed to the Chairman of the Committee.











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